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Iowa's military demographics are roughly 26,000 Guard and Reserve (including AGRs, TARs, or military members who entered on Active Duty and are no longer in Iowa. Our veteran population is about 300,000. Today Iowa has about 3,000 Iowa National Guard members serving on combat deployments. The bulk of these service members (2800) are serving in Afghanistan. The rest are serving in Iraq, Kosovo, or Kuwait.

Reserve Forces assigned to Iowa (Navy, Marines, and Army) have similar numbers of military members deployed in support of contingency operations. This year Iowa calculated our military connected children at 10,688 actually enrolled in Iowa K-12 schools. These are primarily the children of Guard or Reservists deployed and represent children with a family member (father/mother) serving on a Title 10 order.

In Iowa our assigned or attached SLOs provide Iowa's defined military connected children, or any child who makes a reasonable connection to a military member, services. Often these services include Military One Source, Military Family Life Counseling, and benefits available from the USDA sponsored Operation: Military Kids. Few issues actually fall under the jurisdiction of the Iowa Compact. Despite this fact, Iowa does try to apply the Compact's intent to those issues that come before us.

Iowa's Compact Commission met in conjunction with the Iowa Military Child Education Coalition's (MCEC) Public Engagement event on October 16-17 (agenda attached). Iowa's Lt. Governor and the Iowa National Guard's Adjutant General served as the event's Co-Chairs. 5 of the 6 Compact Commissioners attended the MCEC Public Engagement event/ strategic planning session and met with me. Four of Iowa's Commissioners agreed to serve on a MCEC Action Team. The MCEC Public Engagement event also allowed Iowa's Commissioners to meet Iowa's two assigned SLOs. The compact will continue to

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support the goals of MCEC, the duties of the SLOs, and the Interstate Compact for Educational Opportunity for Military Children. The Commission feels staying connected to MCEC, Iowa's Lt. Governor, and Iowa's TAG is the best way to promote the compact.

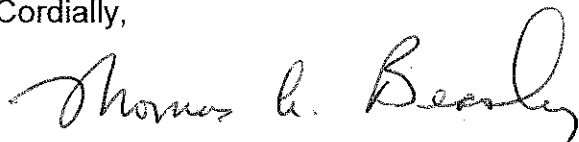
In this reporting year only one issue came before the compact. The issue concerned a 9th grader who moved with his family from Florida to Iowa. The issue concerned an honors course the child took while an 8th grader in Florida and how this course would ultimately be added to his high school graduation GPA/class standing. (Issue summary attached.)

Because the child took the course as an 8th grader it was not permissible for Iowa to include it as part of his overall high school GPA/class ranking. Upon our investigation Iowa learned Florida viewed the situation similarly. Learning an honors course taking in a Florida Middle School was not applied toward a Florida High School GPA/Class Rank I referred the child's parents to the Florida Compact Commissioner. Subsequently I learned the parents were satisfied with explanation supplied by Florida and considered the matter resolved.

Iowa continues to be a heavy guard and reserve state where issues brought before the Compact seldom qualify for relief from the compact. The issues are seldom between states and ultimately revert to district superintendents or school boards to decide. Iowa's two assigned SLOs, however, are often the first consulted whenever any issue concerning a military child arises. Both men have great expertise with Iowa's school superintendents and most issues involving military children are generally decided along the lines of the compact. Iowa strives to provide all children, including military connected one, the best possible service leading to the best possible outcomes.

As a footnote, In 2010, 2011 and in 2012 Iowa lead the nation in educational opportunities for educators and others sponsored by DOD/MCEC. Iowa's Compact Commission works with DOD/MCEC, the Iowa National Guard and the US Army Reserves to promote these educational opportunities when they are available and encourages Iowa teachers, counselors and administrators to attend these events.

Cordially,



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**The Military Child Education Coalition's
LIVING IN THE NEW NORMAL:
Helping Children Thrive Through Good and Challenging Times
Iowa Public Engagement
3rd Steering Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, October 3, 2012, 3 p.m. Central

By conference line: 1-866-740-1260, usercode 1531923#

1. Review of:
 - a. Status of RSVP responses and any needed actions
 - b. Event agenda
 - c. Role of the Steering Committee members at the Public Engagement
2. Wrap up and questions
3. NEXT MEETING – Public Engagement Follow-up: Wednesday, October 24, 2012. Time?

I called Tom M. this morning to get more of the big picture because I noted that the young man has been enrolled at Burlington High School (BHS) since this past August. So my question to Tom M. was basically, "why now?"

What I learned was that this is really a concern that the young man's family has about *class rank*. BHS does not compute class rank based on GPA (grade point average) alone, but also factors in honors courses, Advanced Placement courses, and course load. The family desires for their son to be given points toward class rank from the honors geometry course taken by the young man at his Florida Middle School.

BHS is willing to do this, but the school needs some indication from the high school in Florida to which the young man would have enrolled had the family not moved that it would grant high school credit for the 8th grade honors geometry class. This is true, regardless of the Compact. To be clear – **BHS will appropriately recognize any coursework from any student if BHS gets documentation that the coursework is deemed worthy of secondary credit.**

There is no violation of the Compact. The family simply needs make a request to the Florida high school that it communicate with BHS whether the Florida high school would have given secondary credit to this student for this course.

Military Child Education Coalition
Iowa Living in the New Normal Public Engagement
Hy-Vee Conference Center – West Des Moines, IA

Tuesday, October 16, 2012

Dinner	6:00 pm.	Registration and Reception – Foyer area (sodas and cash bar)
	6:30	Welcome – Joan Barrett
	6:35	Introduction of Steering Committee – Major General Orr
		Video Welcome from Lieutenant Governor Reynolds
	6:50	Invocation – Dinner
	7:35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remarks – Major General Orr • Background of MCEC’s work with military children – Mary Keller • Overview of Public Engagement: Process, Expectations, Call to Action – Patty Shinseki • Assignment of “homework” – Joan Barrett

Wednesday, October 17, 2012

Public Engagement	7:30 am	Morning registration and continental breakfast
	8:00	Public Engagement begins. Morning includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief overview of day: schedule and expectations • Presentations to the entire assembly: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Experts’ findings about children and deployment, 2. Information about deployment and homecoming and related grief, loss and resilience • Work within small groups to determine current landscape for military children in Iowa and determine what is still needed. The morning’s small groups will include participants from a mix of sector groups, arranged into “color” groups.
	Approx. Noon	Working lunch – 45 minutes
		Afternoon includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional experts’ information • Small Group work to create action items for community support of military children. The afternoon’s small groups are organized by sector group.
	3:15 pm	Small groups report findings to entire assembly. Receiving the reports will be Major General Orr and Lieutenant Governor Reynolds. Wrap-up.
		Ends no later than 4:00 p.m.
	4:00	After Action “Hotwash” for Staff, Facilitators and Steering Committee

New York	13,991	\$	13,991.00	\$	13,991.00	\$	13,991.00	\$	13,991.00	\$	13,991.00	\$	13,991.00
North Carolina	52,355	\$	52,355.00	\$	52,355.00	\$	50,000.00	\$	52,355.00	\$	52,355.00	\$	52,355.00
North Dakota	2,928	\$	2,928.00	\$	2,928.00	\$	2,928.00	\$	2,928.00	\$	2,928.00	\$	2,928.00
Ohio	5,305	\$	5,305.00	\$	5,305.00	\$	5,305.00	\$	5,305.00	\$	5,305.00	\$	5,305.00
Oklahoma	13,800	\$	13,800.00	\$	13,800.00	\$	13,800.00	\$	13,800.00	\$	13,800.00	\$	13,800.00
Oregon	874	\$	874.00	\$	874.00	\$	874.00	\$	874.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00
Pennsylvania	2,502	\$	2,502.00	\$	2,502.00	\$	2,502.00	\$	2,502.00	\$	2,502.00	\$	2,502.00
Rhode Island	1,861	\$	1,861.00	\$	1,861.00	\$	1,861.00	\$	1,861.00	\$	1,861.00	\$	1,861.00
South Carolina	15,554	\$	15,554.00	\$	15,554.00	\$	15,554.00	\$	15,554.00	\$	15,554.00	\$	15,554.00
South Dakota	1,605	\$	1,605.00	\$	1,605.00	\$	1,605.00	\$	1,605.00	\$	1,605.00	\$	1,605.00
Tennessee	2,468	\$	2,468.00	\$	2,468.00	\$	2,468.00	\$	2,468.00	\$	2,468.00	\$	2,468.00
Texas	74,225	\$	74,225.00	\$	60,000.00	\$	50,000.00	\$	74,225.00	\$	74,225.00	\$	60,000.00
Utah	2,877	\$	2,877.00	\$	2,877.00	\$	2,877.00	\$	2,877.00	\$	2,877.00	\$	2,877.00
Vermont	48	\$	48.00	\$	48.00	\$	48.00	\$	48.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00
Virginia	78,867	\$	78,867.00	\$	60,000.00	\$	50,000.00	\$	78,867.00	\$	78,867.00	\$	60,000.00
Washington	31,687	\$	31,687.00	\$	31,687.00	\$	31,687.00	\$	31,687.00	\$	31,687.00	\$	31,687.00
West Virginia	260	\$	260.00	\$	260.00	\$	260.00	\$	260.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00
Wisconsin	659	\$	659.00	\$	659.00	\$	659.00	\$	659.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00
Wyoming	1,407	\$	1,407.00	\$	1,407.00	\$	1,407.00	\$	1,407.00	\$	1,407.00	\$	1,407.00
Total	659,740	\$	659,740.00	\$	624,950.00	\$	592,595.00	\$	663,866.00	\$	629,076.00	\$	629,076.00
Compact States Only	570,987	\$	570,987.00	\$	536,197.00	\$	503,842.00	\$	572,568.00	\$	537,778.00	\$	537,778.00

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	Difference		Residence		Difference		Difference
	current year	FY12 Assigned	from current yr	Database	From current yr	FY11 Res v Asg.	
Alabama	7,561	7,589	28	13,153	5592	5564.00	
Alaska	13,456	13,138	-318	11,726	(1730)	(1412.00)	
Arizona	9,866	10,331	465	12,630	2764	2299.00	
Arkansas	2,815	2,886	71	4,391	1576	1505.00	
California	61,960	61,698	-262	66,905	4945	5207.00	
Colorado	20,046	22,832	2786	21,959	1913	(873.00)	
Connecticut	3,133	3,046	-87	3,368	235	322.00	
Delaware	1,615	1,644	29	2,092	477	448.00	
Washington DC	10,392	10,685	293	796	(9596)	(9889.00)	
Florida	32,887	32,212	-675	42,711	9824	10499.00	
Georgia	40,594	42,478	1884	41,638	1044	(840.00)	
Hawaii	25,069	24,468	-601	20,578	(4491)	(3890.00)	
Idaho	1,954	1,895	-59	2,665	711	770.00	
Illinois	8,220	8,200	-20	9,976	1756	1776.00	
Indiana	757	729	-28	3,223	2466	2494.00	
Iowa	160	178	18	1,337	1177	1159.00	
Kansas	15,695	17,209	1514	14,101	(1594)	(3108.00)	
Kentucky	25,072	27,564	2492	14,823	(10249)	(12741.00)	
Louisiana	10,288	11,025	737	11,156	868	131.00	
Maine	1,065	853	-212	1,675	610	822.00	
Maryland	15,215	15,950	735	19,560	4345	3610.00	
Massachusetts	2,189	2,035	-154	2,554	365	519.00	
Michigan	1,718	1,644	-74	4,368	2650	2724.00	
Minnesota	730	688	-42	1,391	661	703.00	
Mississippi	5,050	4,850	-200	7,013	1963	2163.00	
Missouri	9,153	9,326	173	10,110	957	784.00	
Montana	1,311	1,298	-13	1,734	423	436.00	
Nebraska	4,286	4,193	-93	4,534	248	341.00	
Nevada	4,654	4,856	202	6,220	1566	1364.00	
New Hampshire	483	585	102	747	264	162.00	
New Jersey	4,627	4,413	-214	5,275	648	862.00	
New Mexico	5,248	5,969	721	6,610	1362	641.00	

New York	13,244	13,991	747	14,417	1173	426.00
North Carolina	47,459	52,355	4896	54,159	6700	1804.00
North Dakota	2,802	2,928	126	2,888	86	(40.00)
Ohio	5,456	5,305	-151	8,863	3407	3558.00
Oklahoma	12,493	13,800	1307	14,124	1631	324.00
Oregon	893	874	-19	1,986	1093	1112.00
Pennsylvania	2,451	2,502	51	5,592	3141	3090.00
Rhode Island	1,875	1,861	-14	1,628	(247)	(233.00)
South Carolina	14,996	15,554	558	16,240	1244	686.00
South Dakota	1,634	1,605	-29	1,821	187	216.00
Tennessee	2,370	2,468	98	14,764	12394	12296.00
Texas	76,264	74,225	-2039	79,399	3135	5174.00
Utah	2,853	2,877	24	3,839	986	962.00
Vermont	50	48	-2	232	182	184.00
Virginia	79,042	78,867	-175	79,422	380	555.00
Washington	30,894	31,687	793	31,191	297	(496.00)
West Virginia	262	260	-2	1,170	908	910.00
Wisconsin	676	659	-17	2,280	1604	1621.00
Wyoming	1,388	1,407	19	1,546	158	139.00
Total	644,371	659,740		706,580		46840.00