



Welcome

**Virginia Military
Advisory Council**

Naval Station Norfolk

April 11, 2019

Easing the Transition of Military-Connected Children in Virginia Schools

**An Overview of the
Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity
for Military Children**

**Dan Dunham
Military Student and Family Specialist
Virginia Department of Education**

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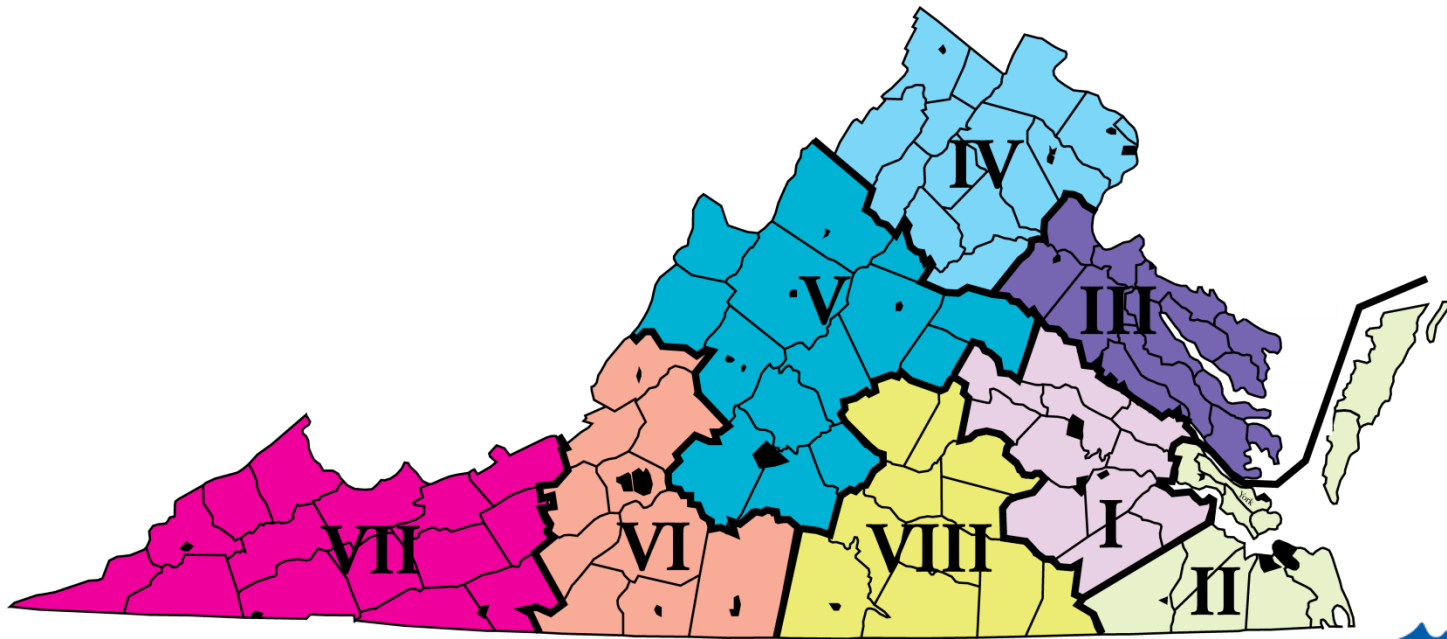


**Just Over 72,000
School Age Military Connected
Students Are Attending
Virginia Public Schools**

Where are Military Connected Children?

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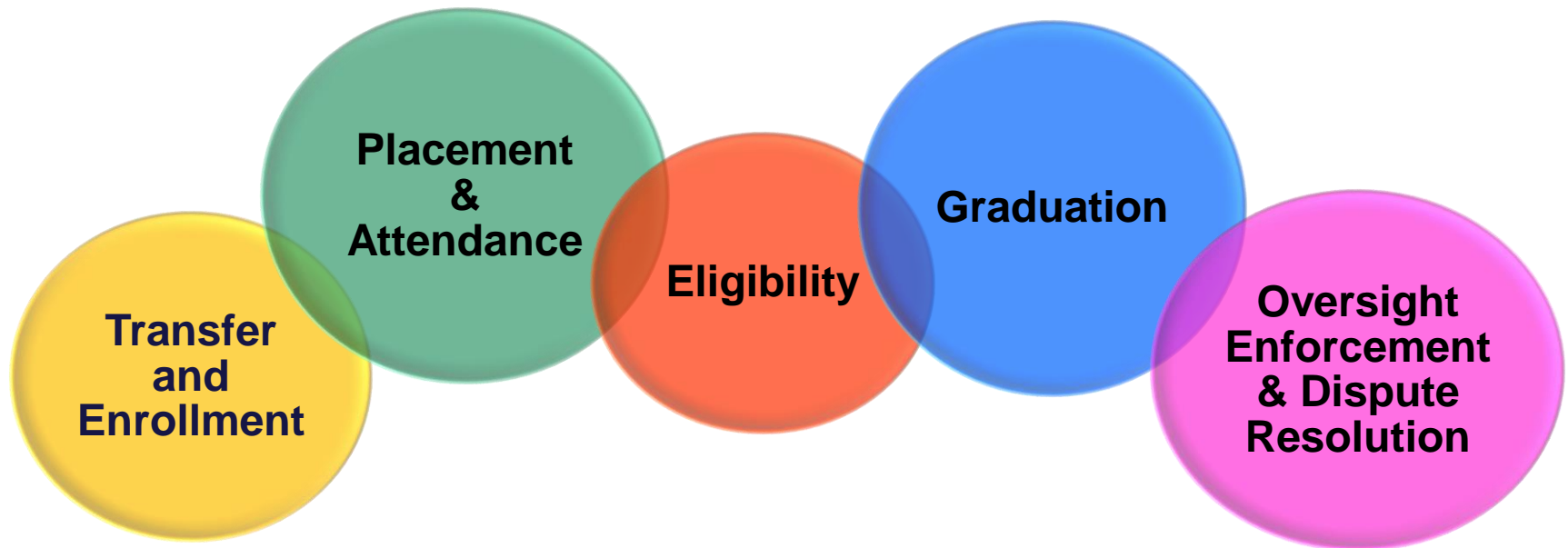
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Every School Region in the Commonwealth

Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

Virginia Code § 22.1-360



Purple Star Designation



The Virginia Purple Star Designation is awarded by the Virginia Interstate Compact Council to military-friendly schools that show a major commitment to students and families connected to our nation's military

66 Schools were awarded in SY 2018-2019

HB 1623 SB 1249

Amendment of § 22.1-3 of the Code of Virginia

Students eligible to enroll in a school division pursuant to this subdivision may register, *remotely or in-person*, for courses and other academic programs and participate in the lottery process for charter schools and college partnership laboratory schools in the school division in which such student will reside at the same time and in the same manner as students who reside in the local school division.

The Profile of a Virginia Graduate

- Achieve and apply appropriate academic and technical knowledge (content knowledge);
- Demonstrate productive workplace skills, qualities, and behaviors (workplace skills);
- Build connections and value interactions with others as a responsible and responsive citizen (community engagement and civic responsibility); and
- Align knowledge, skills and personal interests with career opportunities (career exploration).

Thank you for your support towards this educational effort

Volunteerism: P.I.E. , STEM Fairs etc

Community Involvement: Service on Various
Community Boards, Councils and Associations

Educational Support Partnerships:

SLO's and MFLC's and Programs Like Anchor's for
Life / Comfort Crew

Questions?



THE
COMFORT CREW™
for Military Kids

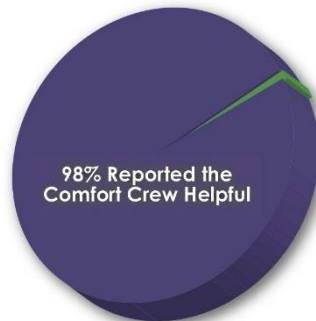
Serving Our Country by Strengthening Military Families



Celebrating 10 Years of Service

For ten years, the *Comfort Crew for Military Kids* has been committed to creating programs and resources that provide children with strategies to manage and express their feelings, increasing the communication within the family. The Comfort Crew is honored and humbled that military families request resources daily to support them through deployments, reintegration, injuries, and loss.

- **Impacted One Million Military Family Members**
- **Provided Over 1,000 Tour Presentations**
- **Engaged Over 5,000 Volunteers**
- **Served Kids in 50 States & 16 Countries**



*Knobloch, L. K. (2016). *With You All the Way! Deployment Kit, The Comfort Crew for Military Kids assessment report*. Unpublished report, Department of Communication, University of Illinois. Urbana, IL.



4 Programs Supporting Military Families

1. With You All the Way! Dealing With Deployment
2. Together Again! Helping Military Families Reconnect
3. Taking Care of You! Support for Kids With Injured Heroes
4. Memory Box: Helping Military Kids Handle Loss



The DVD helped us to understand our feelings at this moment. It is fun and so creative! Cuzzie and the dog tags gave my son something tangible that represents love and comfort. He sleeps with Cuzzie every day. Additionally, the journal is an awesome way to express and process his feelings and an opportunity for us to talk about them. -Parent



It is Saturday and I have received one of the 'With You All The Way' kits, and cannot say in words how it may just be one of the very best ways to express our child's feelings. There is an 8-year-old boy of a deploying Sailor whom this is for and his name is "Sam". Sam got this box from me today and read the first couple of pages of the journal and began to cry. When I asked him why he was crying, he stated to me that the book said things he could not. If there is no better use than that, we have won the battle. -Parent



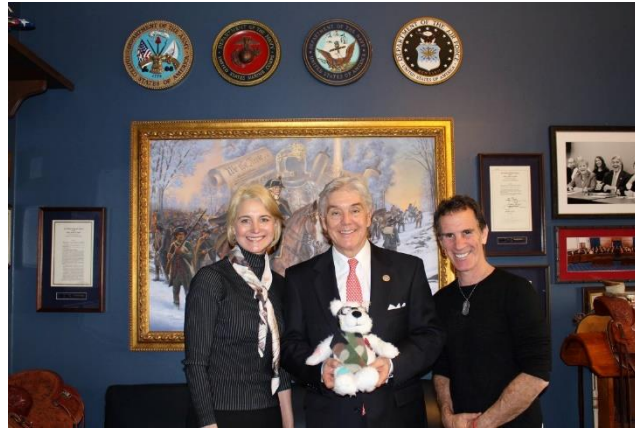
Family Interviews



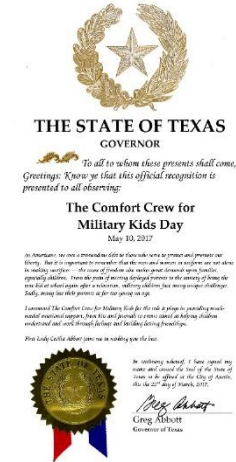
Leadership Support



Second Lady Karen Pence hosts a Service Project to pack 500 Deployment Kits



Congressman Roger Williams meets with Co-Founders Ronda Englander and Trevor Romain in DC



Governor Abbot proclaims May 10 "The Comfort Crew for Military Kids Day" in Texas



Their Royal Highnesses, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, assembled Comfort Kits in Los Angeles, CA



Congressman Michael McCaul recognizes Comfort Crew for Military Kids in honor of 10 years of service



National Partners



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Means Business



Family Photos and Feedback



Results from the *2018 Blue Star Family Military Lifestyle Survey* have just been released and “amount of time away from family” and the “impact of deployment on children” remain two of the top five issues for families. With over 10,000 respondents, the **majority** reported their child experienced difficulties as a result of their military parent’s deployment(s). Difficulties included separation anxiety or sleeping problems (57%), behavioral problems (53%), reintegration challenges upon the service member’s return (30%), decreased academic performance (18%), and depression (16%)

In this year’s survey results, 54% of military family respondents did not feel the support services provided by the DoD were adequate to support their children in dealing with the unique challenges associated with deployments.

This was my kids first experience with a deployment and honestly, I think I was more terrified of the unknown for them than they were. It wasn't until a friend of mine introduced and shared with me her "with you all the way" kit. As a family the four of us sat down and watched the DVD together, it was at that moment I was able to feel confident in a successful deployment from the home front, not only for my children but for myself. My sons were able to understand at their level the importance of their father's job and of our job as his family.



With You All the Way! Tour

The Comfort Crew for Military Kids in collaboration with Trevor Romain, is visiting schools on and near US military bases around the world, delivering support to military kids and their classmates. The With You All the Way! Tour is an exciting, educational presentation lead by Comfort Crew for Military Kids Co-Founder Trevor Romain.

Since 2010, the **With You All the Way!** Tour has visited over 200,000 military kids in over 16 countries. The presentations share vital, yet upbeat, messages that emphasize the importance of caring for one another and developing valuable strategies for dealing with *Bullying, Homework, Cliques, Facing Fears, Staying Healthy*, and the unique challenges of military life.





Selected Open-ended Responses	
I thought this was the most amazing assembly we have ever had. We have a tough group of older students that really benefited from this. You could also hear a pin drop. The kids were so engaged.	-ES Teacher
This was probably one of the most powerful presentations I have had at my school. The presenter was spot on in how he related to the students. I really like this alot. Thanks for providing this opportunity for my students.	-MS Principal
I think the students in my class took what was presented to heart!! When they came back to the classroom they had a changed mindset which showed in their academics!!	-ES Teacher
Trevor made kids want to share their struggles. They felt safe. He gave one of my most "broken" kids a dog tag necklace. She, out of every kid there, really needed that. Thank you	-MS Teacher
It was excellent - I loved the presenter. She was perfect for this age group. Her message was powerful, and it was delivered in a very age appropriate manner. the students were engaged the entire time. Please come back to BMWP :)	-ES Teacher
Would love to see a presentation for teachers!	-ES Admin/Staff
This was the most engaging presentation that we have had in a long time! Kudos!!	-ES Teacher
I think the big message students got was that they aren't the only ones and that helped them to feel supported. They seemed to really enjoy the presentation.	-MS Counselor
It was wonderful!! Best guest speaker to ever visit our school. I loved it. The kids loved it.	-ES Counselor
We are honored to have had the opportunity to be a part of the With You All the Way Tour. Our students LOVED meeting Trevor in person and hearing his heartfelt messages.	-ES Counselor



COMMANDING GENERAL
MARINE AIR GROUND TASK FORCE TRAINING COMMAND
MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER
TWENTYNINE PALMS, CALIFORNIA

28 February, 2011

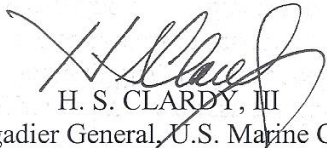
Dear Trevor Romain,

Let me take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for your efforts and emphasis on helping military children deal with topics such as deployment, grief, bullying, and success in school. Your recent visit to Condor Elementary School and Twentynine Palms Elementary School helped children and adults realize the struggles military children face on a daily basis.

It was an honor to host someone with your reputation and the Marines and Sailors stationed at the Combat Center appreciate your personal interest in improving their children's lives.

Again, thank you for supporting the children of Marines and Sailors stationed at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center and Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command. I am grateful for your hard work and passion. God bless you and your team.

Sincerely,



H. S. CLARDY, III
Brigadier General, U.S. Marine Corps



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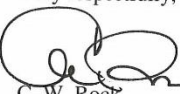
February 14, 2012

Mr. Trevor Romain
President,
The Trevor Romain Company
4412 Spicewood Springs Road, Ste 705
Austin, TX 78759


Dear Mr. Romain:

Thank you very much for taking time to visit Fleet Activities Sasebo. I realize that it's a long trip but your commitment to our forward deployed Sailors, families and children here in Japan is very much appreciated.

I look forward to crossing paths again. You are always welcomed in Sasebo!

Very respectfully,

C. W. Rock
Captain, U. S. Navy





**UNITED STATES ARMY
THE CHIEF OF STAFF**

APR 30 2009

Mr. Trevor Romain
The Trevor Romain Foundation
4412 Spicewood Springs Road, Suite 705
Austin, Texas 78759

Dear Mr. Romain:

Thank you for sending me the Comfort Kit to look over. It is a great idea and we will be presenting your Comfort Kits at our next Survivor Outreach Services advisory working group in mid-May.

I would like to work with you to determine out how to best take advantage of your great work. My point of contact on the Army staff, LTG Bob Wilson, will contact you to coordinate this effort.

Thanks you again for all that you do for our Army Families!

Sincerely,

George W. Casey, Jr.
General, United States Army

African National Congress

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

3 March 1995

Mr. Trevor Romain
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Austin, Texas 78703

Dear Mr. Romain

Thank you for your book entitled "The Other Side Of The Invisible Fence." Your powerful and beautifully written story reflects the nature of how all South Africans can work together for peace.

I appreciate the support that I am given by all loving South Africans here and abroad. My strength is encouraged anew by people like you.

Yours sincerely

President Nelson Mandela





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Commander Navy Installations Command



School Liaison Program Update

Presented by:

**Debbie Patch
Regional School Liaison Officer
Navy Region Mid-Atlantic**

April 2019

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Military-Connected Students...

72,882

Military-Connected Students

Highest number of military-connected students
in the nation.
(ages 5 to 18)



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By the Numbers

Military children move every 2-3 years

Military children attend 6-9 schools from K-12

80% of military children attend public schools

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Military Families

Each military service recognizes that the
“call to serve” impacts the entire family

Family Readiness

=

Mission Readiness

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School Liaisons the “Link”

Military School Liaison Officers (SLOs) link stakeholders together and help in matters pertaining to student education.



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Virginia ... “Leading the Way”

- **Legislation supporting unique challenges of military families**
- ***Interstate Compact Council* a ‘model’ for other states**
- **Virginia Department of Education staff position; *Military Student and Families Specialist***
- **Relationships between installations and schools/school division yields tremendous traction**

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Trending Concerns of Military Families

- **Access to quality schools**
- **Available “military friendly” child care**
- **Universal preschool**
- **Socio-emotional support**
- **Special needs navigation**

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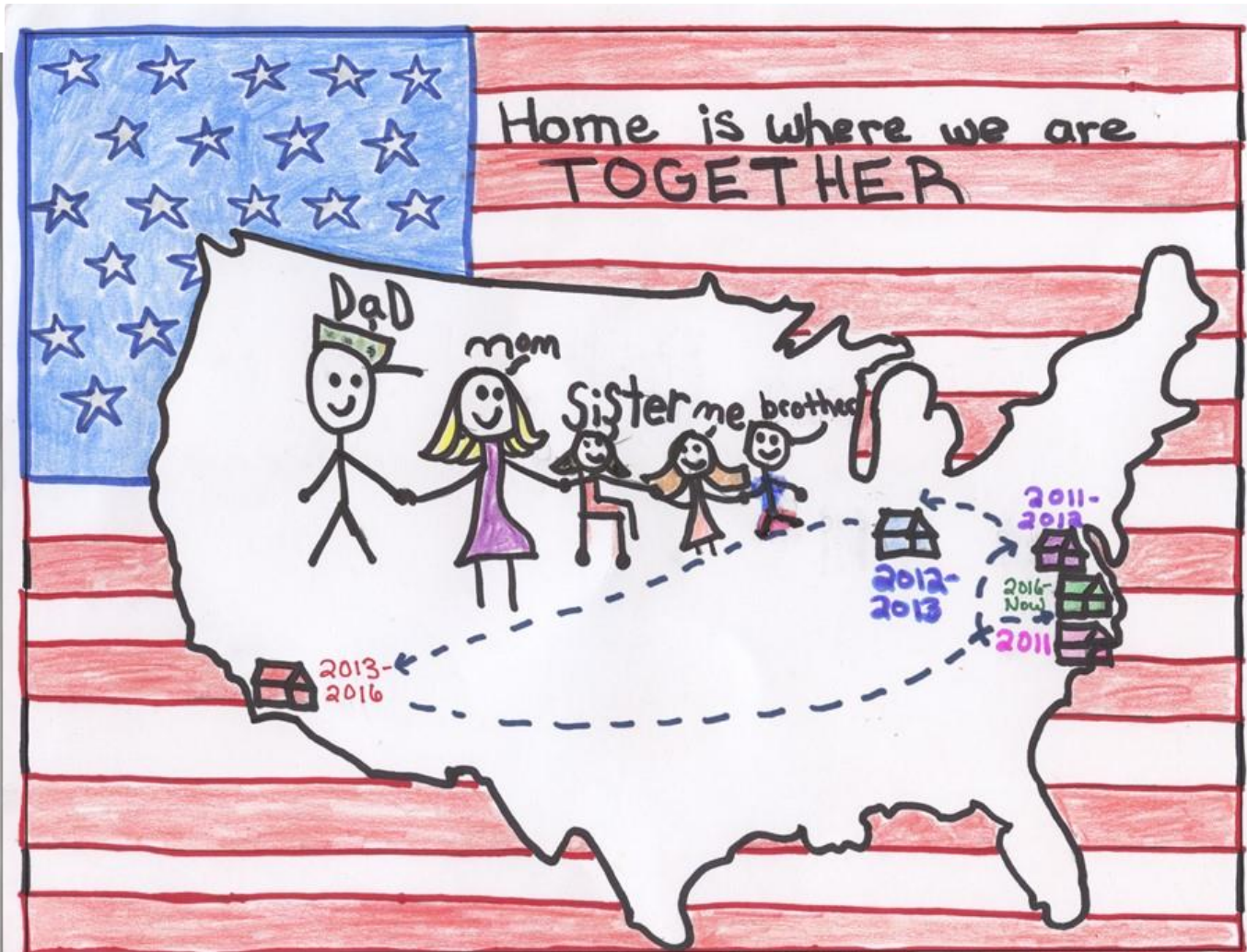
Military Children are *Globally Aware*



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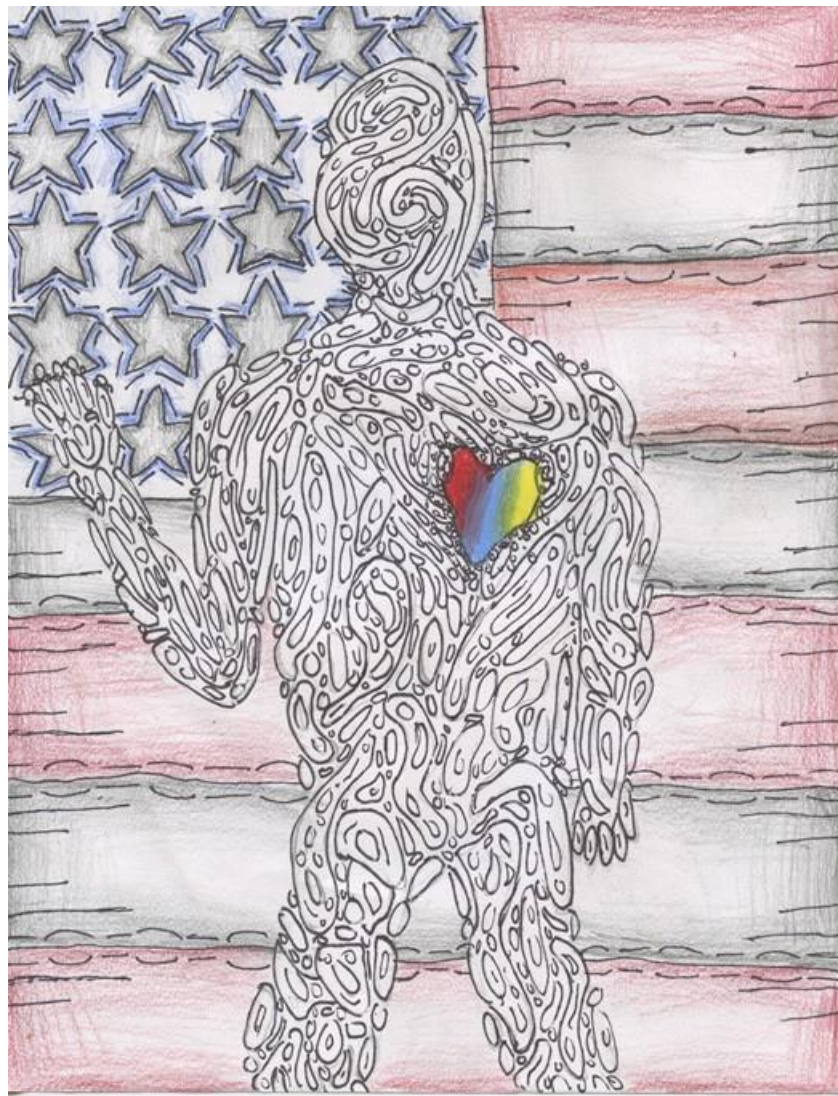
Military Children are *ADAPTABLE*



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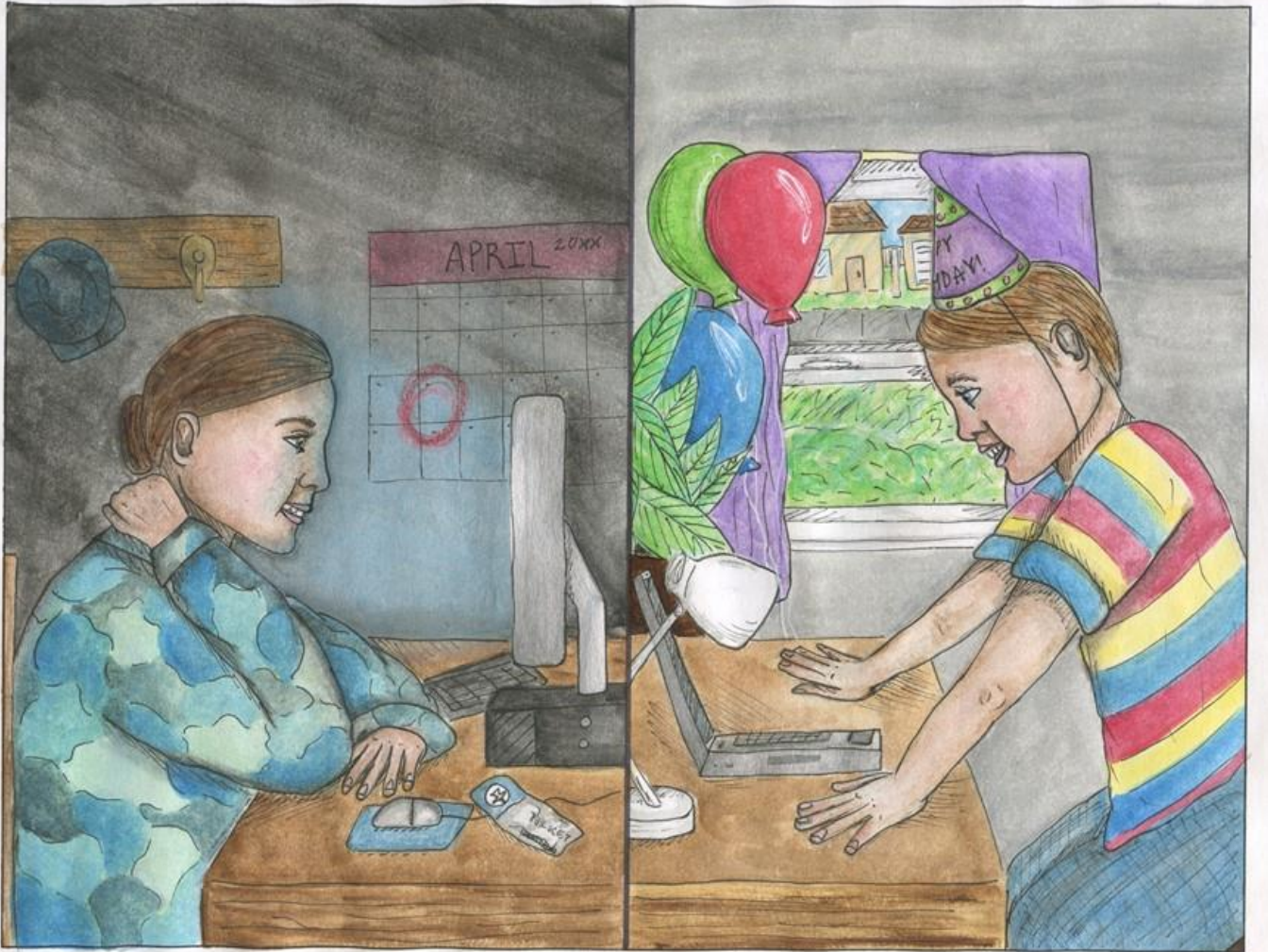
Military Children are ***BRAVE***



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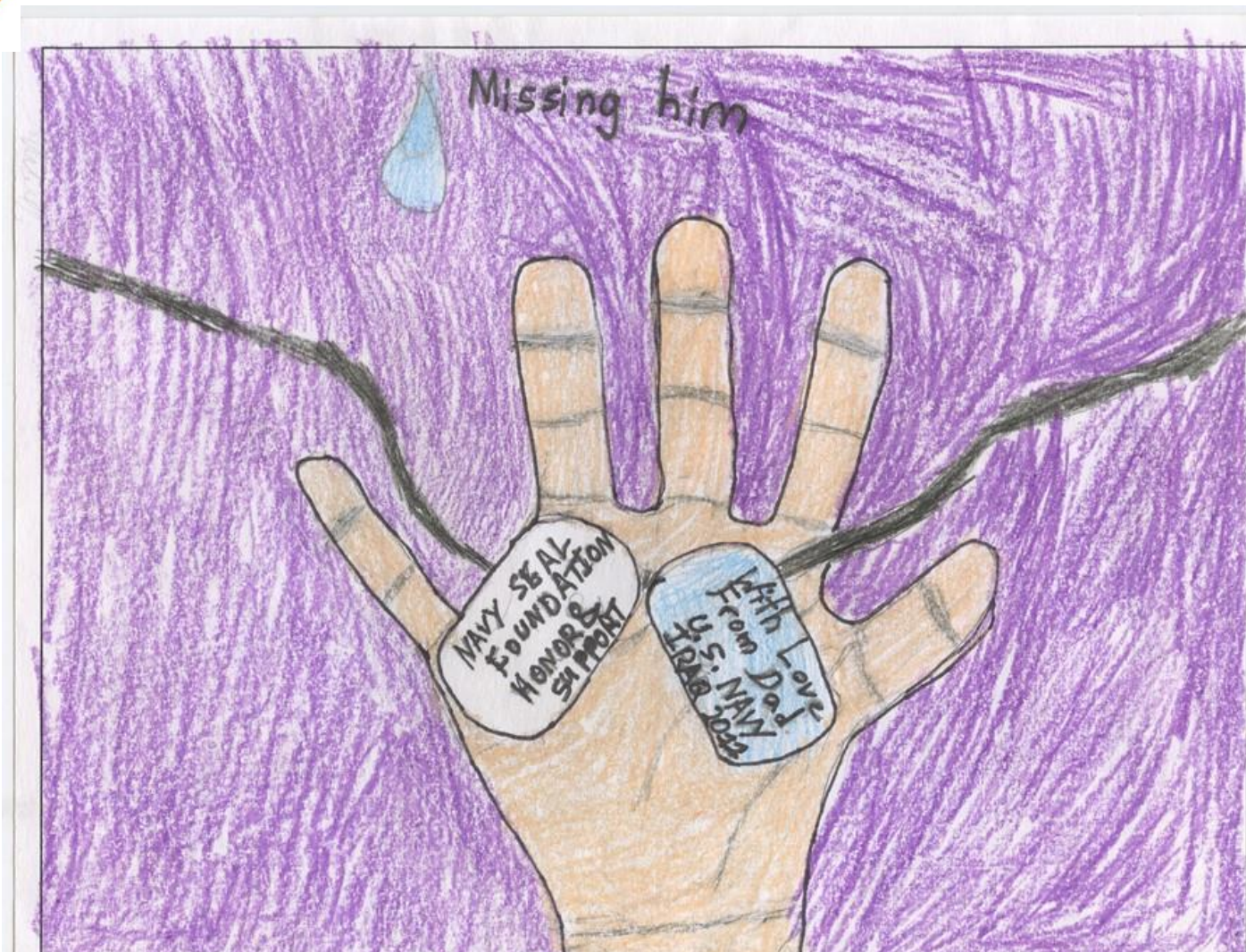
Military Children live *SACRIFICE*



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Military Children are *WARRIORS*



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The Military Child

Most military children will say goodbye to more significant people before they turn 18 than the average person will in a lifetime.

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Questions



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Presentation Outline

- 🏠 DC Update
- 🏠 2019 Priority of Effort Updates
- 🏠 Military Friendly Update

DC Update Overview

- **President Trump's FY20 Budget Request**
- **Highlights of the Defense Budget**
- **FY20 Military Construction**
- **ADC Installations Forum**
- **Advocacy Update**

FY20 President's Budget Request

- Submitted \$4.7 Trillion budget to Congress on March 11th
- \$2 Trillion has been added to National Debt over the last 2 years
- Net interest payments will double by 2023 exceeding Defense spending by 2024
- Increases Defense spending shifting \$98 Billion to “off budget”
- Additional \$8.7 Billion for The Border Wall - \$3.6 from DOD Milcon
- Avoids BCA Caps
- Budget might reach balance by 2034
- Reduces Non-Defense spending by 5%



FY20 Defense Budget Request

FY20 Defense Budget Continues Operationalizing the Defense Strategy
Prioritizes Innovation and Modernization to Strengthen our Competitive Advantage in All Warfighting Domains for Decades to Come

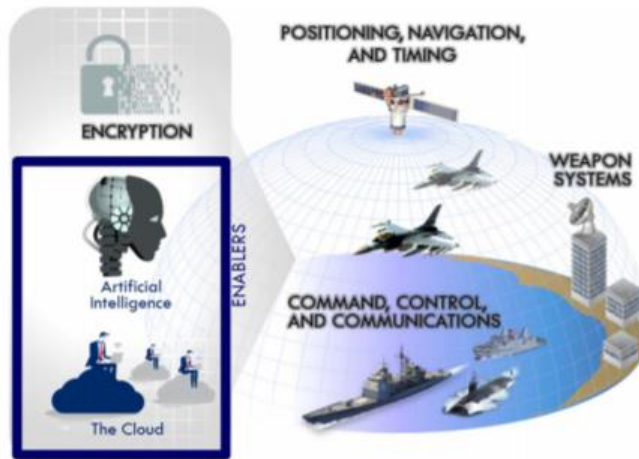
<i>\$ in billions</i>	FY 2017 Actuals	FY 2018 Actuals	FY 2019 Enacted	FY 2020 Request
Base	523.5	599.6	616.1	544.5
Overseas Contingency Operations	82.5	65.2	68.8	66.7
OCO for Base	--	--	--	97.9
Emergency	--	5.8	--	9.2
Total	606.0	670.6	685.0	718.3



Enhance Competitiveness Through Emerging Warfighting Domains

Space Domain: \$14.1 Billion

- Resources the new U.S. Space Force and associated organizations
- Improves satellite communications capabilities; space-based warning, and space launch capacity



Cyber Domain: \$9.6 Billion

- Offensive and defensive cyberspace operations; resilient DoD networks, systems; modern multi-cloud environment

Prepare for a complex, unpredictable, and multi-domain security environment

Modernize in Air, Maritime, Land Domains

Air Domain: \$57.7 Billion

- 5th Generation aircraft and extended range missiles
- 4th Generation aircraft capacity



Maritime Domain: \$34.7 Billion

- Increase strike options including unmanned
- Grow the Battle Force fleet

Land Domain: \$14.6 Billion

- Next-generation combat and tactical vehicles, Future Vertical Lift
- Enhance Close Combat Lethality



Multi-Domain: \$31.0 Billion

- Ground-Based Strategic Deterrent, B-21 Bomber, Long-Range Stand Off Weapon, Columbia class submarine, missile warning, and NC3
- Ground-Based Missile Defense, Terminal High Altitude Area Defense, advanced technology missile defense
- Directed Energy, AC/MC-130J aircraft, CV-22 tilt rotor aircraft, and other maritime craft systems



Largest Shipbuilding request in more than 20 years

Develop and Field Innovative Technologies

Unmanned / Autonomous: \$3.7 Billion

- Enhances freedom of maneuver and lethality in contested environments



Artificial Intelligence / Machine Learning (AI/ML):

\$927 Million

- Expands military advantage through the Joint Artificial Intelligence Center (JAIC) and Advanced Image Recognition



Hypersonics: \$2.6 Billion

- Air Force prototyping, Navy Sea-Launched Conventional Prompt Strike, and Army Land-Launched Conventional Prompt Strike



Directed Energy: \$235 Million

- Implementation of directed energy for base defense; testing and procurement of multiple types of lasers; R&D for scalable high-power density applications

Largest research and development request in 70 years

Sustain and Build on Readiness Gains

- Funds readiness to executable levels across services (\$124.8 Billion)
 - Army: Adds \$1.7B in critical training for Armored Brigade Combat Teams (ABCTs) and infrastructure improvements
 - Navy: Increases funding by \$2.1B to maintain and operate a growing and more lethal force
 - Air Force: Grows funding by \$1.2B in core readiness programs such as depot maintenance, contractor logistics support, flying hours
- Continues improvements in the tactical aviation enterprise (\$41.2 Billion)
 - Further investment in aviation maintenance, spares, and flying hours
- Resources advanced training capabilities at live ranges (\$1.5 Billion)
- Increases funding for offensive/defensive cyber domain training (\$2.6 Billion)



FY 2020 budget builds on readiness gains to prepare for future threats

FY20 Milcon for Virginia \$572 Million

Branch	Base	Project	Amount
Army	Rivanna Station	Secure Operations Facility	\$60,000,000
Army	JB Langley – Eustis	Advance Individual Training Barracks Complex Phase 4	\$55,000,000
Navy	Naval Station Norfolk	Mariner Skills Training Center	\$79,100,000
Navy	Norfolk Naval Shipyard Portsmouth	Dry Dock Flood Protection Improvements	\$48,930,000
Navy	MCB Quantico	Wargaming Center	\$143,350,000
DLA	Richmond Depot	Operations Center Phase 2	\$98,800,000
USSOCOM	Dam Neck Annex	SOF Demolition Training Compound Expansion	\$12,700,000
USSOCOM	JEB Little Creek-Fort Story	SOF NSWG-10 Operations Support Facility	\$32,600,000
USSOCOM	JEB Little Creek-Fort Story	SOF NSWG2 JSOTF Ops Training Facility	\$13,004,000
WHS	Pentagon	Backup Generator	\$8,670,000
WHS	Pentagon	Control Tower & Fire Day Station	\$20,132,000

Milcon “at risk” for Border Wall

ARMY

Pentagon – Cantonment Area Paving, \$30M, January 2020
Fort Belvoir – Vehicle Maintenance Shop, \$33M, July 2019
JB Langley Eustis - Aircraft Maintenance Building, \$34M, April 2019

NAVY

Dam Neck - ISR Operations Expansion, \$29.3M, August 2019
Portsmouth - Ships Maintenance Facility, \$26.1M, January 2020
MCB Quantico – TBS Fire Station, \$23.7M, May 2019
MCB Quantico – Ammo Supply Point Phase 2, \$13.1M, June 2019

AIR FORCE

JB Langley Eustis - Fuel System Maintenance Dock, \$14.2M, May 2019
JB Langley Eustis – Air Force Targeting Center, \$45M, July 2019

DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY

Fort Belvoir – Ground Vehicle Fueling Facility, \$4.5M, May 2019
JB Langley Eustis - Fuel Facilities Replacement, \$6.9M, June 2019
JB Langley Eustis - Ground Vehicle Fueling Facility, \$5.8M, June 2019
Norfolk - HAZMAT Warehouse, \$18.5M, January 2020
Portsmouth - HAZMAT Warehouse, \$22.5M, January 2020

DEFENSE-WIDE

Dam Neck - SOF Magazines, \$9M, June 2019
Fort A.P. Hill – Training Campus, \$11.7M September 2019
Fort Belvoir – Human Performance Training Center, \$6.1M, August 2019
Humphreys E.C.- Maintenance & Supply Facility, \$20.2M, September 2019

WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS SERVICE

Pentagon – Metro Entrance, CANCELLED, \$12.1M
Pentagon – Corridor 8 Pedestrian Access, \$8.1M, March 2019
Pentagon – Redundant Chilled Water Loop, \$15.1M, March 2019
Pentagon – S.E. Safety Traffic and Parking, \$28.7M, April 2019
Pentagon – Security Upgrades, \$13.3M, June 2019
Pentagon – Upgrade IT Facilities, \$8.1M, June 2019
Pentagon – North Village VACP & Fencing, \$12.2M, July 2019
Pentagon – Exterior Infrastructure and Security, \$23.7M, November 2019

AIR NATIONAL GUARD

JB Langley Eustis - Cyber Operations Facility, \$10M, January 2020

NAVY RESERVE

Dam Neck - Reserve Training Center Complex, \$18.5M, September 2019

Advocacy Highlights

- ✓ F-22 Flight Training and Maintenance Training Units Strategic Basing – **WIN!**
- ✓ Briefings to Virginia Beach/Norfolk MEDACS
- ✓ ODNI, CODEL engagement for Rivanna Station
- ✓ Association of Defense Communities Installation Innovation Conference
- ✓ March 27-29 DC Meetings with Virginia CODEL
- ✓ 2nd Whole of Government Conference April 4





2019 Priority of Effort Updates

- 🏠 Military Friendly
 - Additional information in the slides that follow
- 🏠 New Missions
 - John briefed
- 🏠 Shared Services
 - Draft MOA between the Commonwealth and Navy under review
- 🏠 Wallops Island
 - Met on-site to review challenges (energy, housing, childcare)
- 🏠 Education and Outreach
 - P4 education session during Industry Day at NAS Oceana – 22 May
 - Preparing P4 workshop for next VMAC – Date TBD



Military Friendly Update

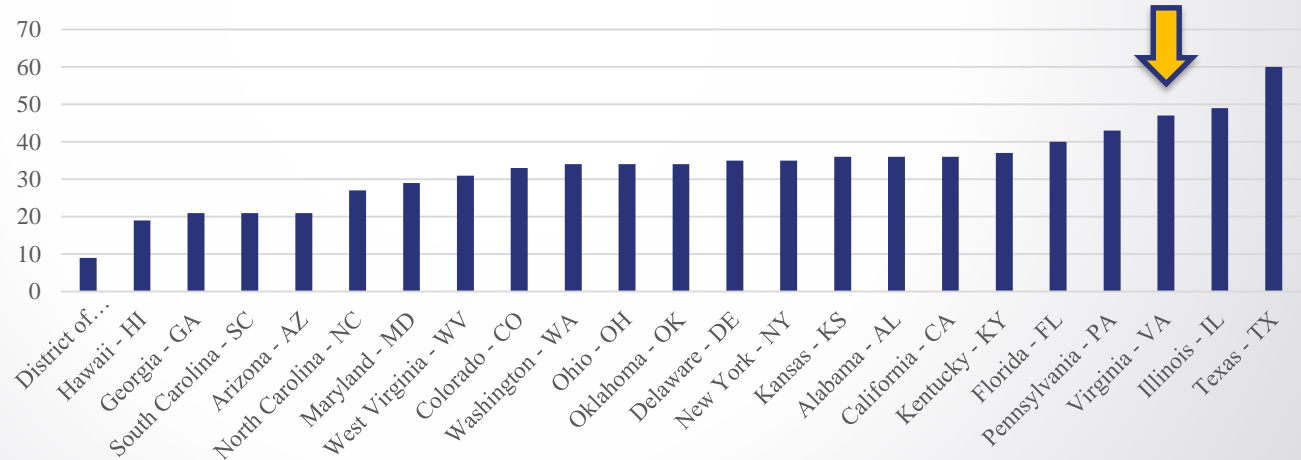


Methodology

- Research existing programs and policies
 - Top 20 states by defense population & neighbors
- Create categories based on research findings
- Develop scoring criteria to see where the Commonwealth ranks



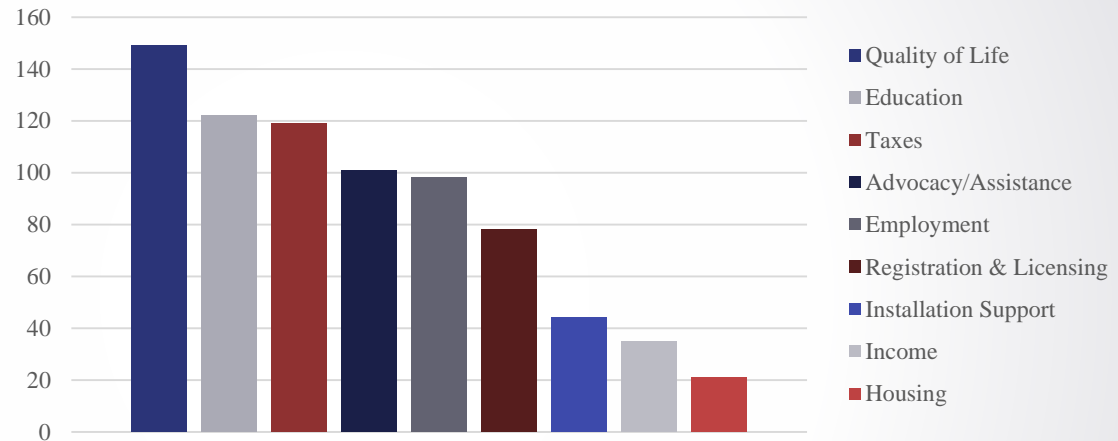
Initial research results





Military Friendly Update

Initial research results



Next Steps

- Consolidate categories
- Apply Analytical Hierarchy Process (AHP)
- Draft report ready for review May 2019



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Commanders Issues
Closing Comments

The Honorable
Carlos Hopkins
