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**CALIFORNIA EDUCATORS GATHER IN SAN DIEGO TO IMPROVE SUPPORT
FOR MILITARY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

More than 100 educators gather for training to better serve the tens of thousands of military children in the greater San Diego area

WHAT: On May 2-3, 2007, The Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC™) will host both a “Transition Counselor Institute (TCI©)” and “Supporting Children of the National Guard and Reserve Institute” in San Diego, CA. Reflecting today’s unprecedented levels of deployment and relocation, this marks the first time in the organization’s history that the trainings will be held simultaneously.

The two-day program will train school guidance professionals, teachers and administrators to recognize and address the effects of mobilization and deployment on military children and families. Both Institutes follow a rigorous, research-based curriculum aligned with the National Staff Development Council’s Standards and the National Standards for School Counseling Programs, and are taught by MCEC™’s leading experts in the field.

WHEN: May 2-3, 2007
Opening press event to be held at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 2, 2007

WHO: **Institute Instructors**
Dr. Mary A. Keller, *Executive Director, The Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC™)*

Mrs. Patty Shinseki, *Board Member, The Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC™)*

Mrs. Zoe Trautman, *Board Member, The Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC™)*

Opening Event Speakers

Ms. Liz LeBron, *Senior Director, San Diego County Office of Education*

Dr. Randolph E. Ward, *Superintendent of Schools, San Diego County*

Dr. Mary A. Keller, *Executive Director, The Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC™)*

Brigadier General Mary Kight, *Assistant Adjutant General, California National Guard*

Major General Michael R. Lehnert, *Commanding General, Marine Corps Installation West*

Rear Admiral Leendert R. Hering, Sr., *Commander, Navy Region Southwest*

Major General Paul E. Mock, *Commanding General, 63rd Regional Readiness Command*

WHERE: Malibu Ballroom
The Hilton San Diego Mission Valley
901 Camino Del Rio South
San Diego, CA 92018
619.543.9000

About the MCEC™

The Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC™) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that promotes partnerships and provides for networking of military installations and their supporting school districts. Their focus is to address transition and other educational issues related to the military-connected child, including active duty, National Guard, and Reserves. MCEC™ seeks to include all military installations, their supporting schools, concerned organizations, and caring individuals. For more information, please visit www.militarychild.org

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