



2009 Annual Conference Philadelphia

of
Attendees:

1013

The Military Child Education Coalition celebrated their 11th Annual Conference this July in historic Philadelphia. Military leaders, education professionals, students, parents, and volunteers from all over the world joined together to focus on military-connected children. With workshops, trainings, lectures, distinguished guests, artists, and more, this was a conference full of useful information, solutions, inspiration, and goals for the future, all geared ...for the sake of the child.



Anyone at the conference to join the MCEC family or renew their membership (approximately 250 attendees) received a conference critter, Promise the Eaglet.



Ms. Frances Hesselbein, surrounded by Student 2 Student Youth at the conference

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"Military Child Education Coalition"

Senior Leaders Panel

The Military Child Education Coalition was honored by the presence of many of today's Senior Leaders from the U.S. Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard. The Senior Leaders Panel Discussion gave an opportunity for the attendees to ask questions, while many of the leaders also presented and attended other general sessions.



- General George W. Casey, Jr., USA Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army
- General James T. Conway, USMC Commandant of the Marine Corps
- General Norton A. Schwartz, USAF Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force
- General Craig R. McKinley, USAF Chief, National Guard Bureau
- Vice Admiral Mark E. Ferguson, III, USN Chief of Naval Personnel, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations

With Discussion Moderators:

- Rear Admiral Leendert R. "Len" Hering, Sr. Commander, Navy Region Southwest
- General Walter L. "Skip" Sharp, USA Commander, United States Forces Korea
- General Duncan J. McNabb, USAF Commander, U.S. Transportation Command



*See video of the
Senior Leaders Panel Discussion
at www.MilitaryChild.org!*

The Military Child Education Coalition is a 501(c) (3) non-profit, world-wide organization. A model of positive leadership and advocacy, the MCEC's work is focused on ensuring quality educational opportunities for all military-connected children affected by mobility, family separation, and transition.

Conference Excitement Timeline

July 15: General Casey, USA, announces the U.S. Army's partnership with the University of Pennsylvania's Positive Psychology Center, and their Resiliency Project, working with soldiers and their families.



July 15: Attendees travel to the Franklin Institute for a special event that includes Ben Franklin giving a speech and meeting with our attendees.

Pictured here with Mr. Franklin: Rear Admiral Leendert R. "Len" Hering, Sr. and Major General Mike Lehnert

July 16: Sesame Workshop unveils the Sesame Street Family Connections web site and rolls out thirty- five "Sesame Rooms" across the United States. "The Military Child Education Coalition is delighted to partner once again with Sesame Workshop on its initiatives that have been uniquely beneficial to military children and their families," said Patty Shinseki, a member of the MCEC board of directors.



www.sesameworkshop.org



www.cassyandalysa.com

July 17: Alyssa and Cassy Gaddis bring the attendees to tears in the last general session with their song, The Price of Peace. Helping military children - that's what it's all about!



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The Military Child Education Coalition's 12th Annual Conference
July 21-23, 2010 National Harbor, Maryland



Comments about the conference:

Lynn Chwatsky,

Sesame Workshop:

"...was impressed. Ya'll continue to amaze me with the work you do, the passion and dedication you have, and the amazing things people have to say about you..."

Tom Baumgarten,

Morongo Unified School District:

"The conference was an outstanding event and we look forward to our continuing partnership with MCEC to support our military dependent students."

Anita Chandra, Dr. PH.,

RAND Corporation:

"...I was very impressed by the participants, the organization, and the speakers. Well done."

Frances Hesselbein:

"They are the future.
I love MCEC."

