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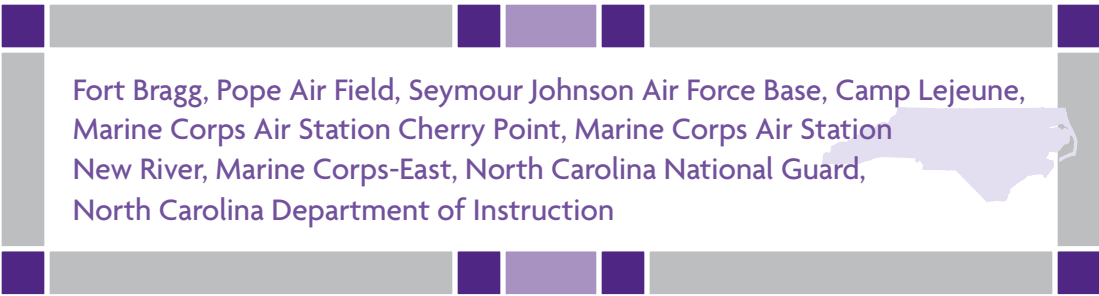
During his tenure as Chairman of the Military Child Education Coalition, Lieutenant General (Ret.) Pete Taylor played a critical role in the establishment of partnerships between military installations and school districts serving military-connected children.

In 2004, in recognition of General Taylor's work and dedication to helping America's military children, the MCEC Board of Directors established the Pete Taylor Partnership of Excellence Award. This annual award encourages and applauds the outstanding partnerships that exist between military installations and school districts and brings special recognition to those partnerships that demonstrate General Taylor's long-held belief that "goodness happens at the local level."

*Walmart congratulates the 2011 winners of the
Pete Taylor Partnership of Excellence Award.*



2011 OUTSTANDING PARTNERSHIP AWARD



Fort Bragg, Pope Air Field, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, Camp Lejeune, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, Marine Corps Air Station New River, Marine Corps-East, North Carolina National Guard, North Carolina Department of Instruction

REACH Every Military Child in North Carolina

Since 2009, a coalition of North Carolina Military School Liaison Officers from Fort Bragg, Pope Army Air Field, Camp Lejeune, MCAS New River, MCAS Cherry Point and Seymour Johnson Air Force Base has been meeting semi-annually to share best practices and pool resources. Together they have committed to serve 85,602 Active Duty, 8,731 National Guard and 8,785 Reserve military-connected children.

In 2010, a new initiative was established called Reach Every Military Child in North Carolina (REACH MCNC). The primary goal was to ensure that the military K-12 academic services, programs and resources are known and available throughout NC's educators and geographically dispersed military families to promote academic success and resilience for all military-connected children through briefings, visits, information booths and statewide dissemination of military K-12 information.

This collaboration touches military-connected children throughout the entire state of North Carolina and has earned the Outstanding Partnership Award for 2011.

“The Reach MCNC partnership is an important bridge-building collaboration to insure the educators and administrators in North Carolina are aware of the number of military children in their communities and then know about the resources there to support them when our military children and families need them.”

*Doug Taggart
Program Coordinator, NC Troops to Teachers*

2011 EXEMPLARY PARTNERSHIP AWARD



Naval Submarine Base New London, US Coast Guard Academy and local school districts in New London County

Military Superintendents Liaison Committee

Naval Submarine Base New London, the US Coast Guard Academy, and local school districts in New London County have been long term partners and collaborators for the improvement of school transition, as well as the overall academic and school experiences for both military and non-military students.

In 1995, the Military Superintendents Liaison Committee (MSLC) was formed to improve cross-communications on current academic and military issues. The MSLC mission is “to enhance communication and develop working relationships between the local academic community and area military commands.” The dedication from the installations and the local school officials continues strongly fifteen years after the MSLC's inception. Through the MSLC, many programs and processes have been examined and adapted or created to ensure smoother transitions and enhanced opportunities for students in transition. This synergy has resulted in many valuable county and state-wide support initiatives, in addition to countless productive and beneficial relationship initiatives.

“The Military Superintendents Liaison Committee of Southeastern Connecticut may be long in its years of service but it is never short is success and involvement in improving the welfare of transitioning military families and their student children.”

*Phil J. Kadri
Superintendent Groton Public Schools*

2011 EXEMPLARY PARTNERSHIP AWARD



Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka,
CFAY Complex Schools of the DoDEA Japan District

Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka and the CFAY Complex of Schools of the DoDEA Japan District

Kasa is the Japanese word for umbrella. The concept of an umbrella extends to a source of shelter. As the military children in Yokosuka have PCS'd in and out and endured numerous deployments, disasters, and upheavals in their young lives, the CFAY community has come together to be that source of shelter for them socially, emotionally, logistically, and academically.

The partnership that exists between Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka and the CFAY Complex schools of DoDEA Japan District falls under four umbrellas of support.

1. **Smooth Moves** – transition support
2. **PartnerSHIPS in Education** – academic support
3. **Homefront Heros** – deployment support
4. **Yokosuka Kazoku** – “Yokosuka Family” logistical support

“This past year has been racked with multiple challenges that would sideline any other school district and community. In Japan, we are meeting those challenges. I am proud of this team that supports our children through thick and thin.”

*D.A. Owen
Captain, U.S. Navy Commander*

2011 EXEMPLARY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM



Tyndall Air Force Base, Naval Support Activity Panama City,
Bay District Schools

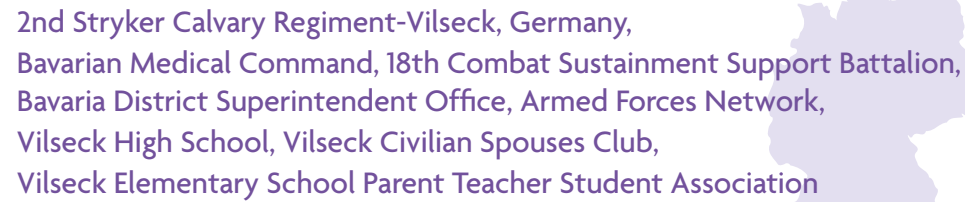
Bay Area Education Alliance

The Bay Area Education Alliance is a strong joint partnership that is multi-faceted and mutually supportive in its purpose and its initiatives. The partnership leaders – Tyndall Air Force Base, Naval Support Activity Panama City and Bay District Schools – are all strongly committed to exceptional service to military families and to students in the broader community. This partnership started three years ago and began to expand significantly just after the election of the current Superintendent in November 2008. At about the same time, both military installations hired School Liaison Officers to serve as advocates for military families in their interactions with the school district through training and direct and frequent contact. At the request of the Superintendent, meetings were arranged with the military commanding officers and essential staff members to discuss needs and solutions that each entity could contribute to an alliance that would be beneficial to all.

“Bay County and Bay District Schools are very fortunate to have such a strong and visible military presence in our community. Through the many successful partnerships, our students, parents, teachers and staff have reaped many benefits. Members of the broader community respect and revere the contributions of service men and women, both in their professional responsibilities in defending our country and the incredibly positive impact they have with their many volunteer programs and support activities.”

*Bill Husfelt
Superintendent of Bay District Schools*

2011 RECOGNIZED INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM



2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment-Vilseck, Germany,
Bavarian Medical Command, 18th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion,
Bavaria District Superintendent Office, Armed Forces Network,
Vilseck High School, Vilseck Civilian Spouses Club,
Vilseck Elementary School Parent Teacher Student Association

Red Hot Readers Month

Vilseck Elementary School hosts an annual reading event each year in the month of March. *Red Hot Readers Month* has been a tradition at the school for over 20 years. During this time the partnership with the military and the community has grown. This year different groups within the community helped to support the various activities that took place. Some of the activities during the month were Muffins for Monday Morning, Family Library Night, Bedtime Stories, Reading Partnership with the soldiers downrange in Afghanistan, Principal's Challenge and the beginning and culminating assemblies. All of these activities were actively supported by the military, civilian and educational organizations of Vilseck, Germany.

This year the theme of Red Hot Readers Month was "Get Fired Up with Red Hot Reading!" featuring dragons. The students read more than 622,000 minutes and were rewarded by seeing their principal dressed up as a dragon.

"Our ability to read with the kids at Vilseck has helped us stay connected to home like no other event this year."

LTC D.A. Sims

CDR, 1st Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment

2011 RECOGNIZED INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM



Tanana Middle School, Ladd Elementary School, Child Youth
Behavioral Military & Family Life Program, Military School Liaison Program

Tanana-Ladd Buddy Program

The Tanana-Ladd Buddy program has just completed its 5th year. It pairs Tanana Middle School seventh and eighth grade students who are from military families with neighboring Ladd Elementary School first and second grade students from military families. The students visit weekly for lunch from October through April for support and mentorship.

In 2010-11, twenty-four Tanana students and twenty-one Ladd students participated in the program. Activities varied from get-to-know-you games to drawing/coloring to discussions about deployment. Special spring activities included a tour of the middle school and pizza party with their Tanana buddies and a field trip to Fort Wainwright for pizza and an ice skating party.

The goal of the program is to build supportive relationships between middle school mentors and their elementary buddies. The elementary students gain the support and advice of their mentors, while the mentors gain confidence and self esteem by helping their little buddies deal with deployment and other issues that are common to military families.

"I am in total support of the Tanana Middle/Ladd Elementary School Buddy Program. It is wonderful for the older and younger students. The little ones look up to the middle schoolers and look forward to their time together."

Kathie Cook

Ladd Elementary School Principal

2005 Winners:

Outstanding Partnership

- Groton Public Schools and New London U.S. Naval Submarine Base, Groton, Connecticut

Exemplary Partnerships

- Cumberland County Public Schools and Fort Bragg, Fayetteville, North Carolina
- Fort Sam Houston Independent School District and Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas

2006 Winners:

Outstanding Partnership

- Fort Campbell, Fort Campbell Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools (DDESS), Christian County Public Schools of Kentucky, Todd County Schools of Kentucky, Clarksville/Montgomery County Schools of Tennessee, Stewart County Schools of Tennessee, and Cheatham County Schools of Tennessee

Exemplary Partnerships

- Fort Sam Houston and Fort Sam Houston Independent School District, San Antonio, Texas
- Fort Bliss and El Paso Independent School District, Fort Bliss, Texas

Outstanding Community/School Project

- Heidelberg School District and Heidelberg Military Garrison, Heidelberg, Germany
- 52nd Fighter Wing Command, Mission Support Group Command, and Bitburg High School, Bitburg, Germany

2007 Winners:

Outstanding Partnership

- Joint Military Services of Hampton Roads and Hampton Roads Communities, Virginia - Installations - Fort Eustis, Fort Story, Fort Monroe, Langley Air Force Base, Fleet & Family Support Centers - School Districts - Virginia Beach City Public Schools, York County School Division, Chesapeake Public Schools, Gloucester Public Schools, Isle of Wight County Schools, Newport News Public Schools, Norfolk Public Schools, Poquoson City Public Schools, Portsmouth Public Schools, Suffolk Public Schools, Williamsburg/James City County Public Schools

Exemplary Partnerships

- Communities with Major Transitions Recognition - Partners-in-Education: Department of Defense Dependent Schools Korea and United States Forces Korea, Korea - U.S. Army Garrison Grafenwoehr and Department of Defense Dependent Schools Bavaria, Germany
- Partnerships in Large or Medium Communities Recognition - Fort Carson Community, Colorado: Fort Carson, Fountain-Fort Carson School District-8, Widefield School District-3, Colorado Springs Christian Schools, Academy District- 20, Falcon School District-49, Pueblo School District-70, and Pikes Peak Alliance Council
- Partnerships in Small Communities Recognition - Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit and Kings County School District, Shelly Baird School, California

Individual Program Recognitions

- Mids for Kids: United States Naval Academy and Anne Arundel County Public Schools, Maryland
- Helping Schools Provide for Deployment Success: Fort Lewis, Madigan Medical Center, and Clover Park School District, Washington

Honorable Mention - Individual Program

- "Army Kids Strong" Vicenza Elementary School, DoDEA Mediterranean, and USAG Vicenza, U.S. Army Southern European Task Force, Italy

2008 Winners:

Outstanding Partnership

- Fort Sill and Lawton Public Schools, Oklahoma

Exemplary Partnerships

- Fort Bragg and Cumberland County Schools, North Carolina

Recognized Partnerships

- Los Angeles Air Force Base and Los Angeles Unified School District, California

Outstanding Partnerships - Individual Projects

- U.S. Army Garrison Schweinfurt, U.S. Army 172nd Brigade, 1-91 CAV Group, and Schweinfurt Elementary School, Germany
- U.S. Army Garrison Detroit Arsenal and Mount Clemens Community School District, Michigan
- Kaiserslautern Middle School and Defense Commissary Agency, Germany

2009 Winners:

Outstanding Partnership

- Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, California, Oceanside Unified School District

Exemplary Partnerships

- Travis Air Force Base, California, Travis Unified School District

Recognized Partnerships

- Fort Campbell, Kentucky, Christian County Public Schools (KY), DDESS Kentucky District, Clarksville/Montgomery County
- School System (TN), Stewart County School System (TN), Todd County Public Schools (KY), Cheatham County School System (TN), and several private schools
- 2-20 Field Artillery, 41st Fires Brigade, Fort Hood, Texas; Meadows Elementary School, Killeen Independent School District
- Child and Youth School Services, Fort Riley, Kansas; Geary County Schools, USD #475, Junction City
- The U.S. Army Garrison, Schweinfurt, Germany; Schweinfurt Middle School Nurses & various other community groups

2010 Winners:

Outstanding Partnership

- U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden and Wiesbaden School Complex, Heidelberg District, DoDDS Europe

Exemplary Partnerships

- **Military Partners:** Joint Base Langley Eustis – Fort Eustis; Joint Base Langley Eustis – Langley Air Force Base; Naval Weapons Station Yorktown; Fort Monroe; Naval Station Norfolk/Naval Support Activity; Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek; Joint Expeditionary Base Fort Story; Naval Air Station Oceana/Dam Neck and Norfolk Naval Shipyard/Naval Medical Center Portsmouth

School/Community Partners:

- Virginia Operation Military Kids; Chesapeake Public Schools; Gloucester Public Schools; Hampton City Schools; Isle of Wight County Schools; Newport News Public Schools; Norfolk Public Schools; Poquoson City Public Schools; Portsmouth Public Schools; Suffolk Public Schools; Williamsburg/James City County Schools; Virginia Beach City Public Schools and York County School Division

Recognized Partnerships

- Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation; Child, Youth and Schools services; School Liaison Officers; and Superintendents from the Southwest Oklahoma School Districts
- United States Army Garrison, Redstone; Huntsville City Schools; Madison City Schools; Madison County Schools; National Children's Advocacy Center; the Huntsville/Madison County Schools Foundation; City of Huntsville; City of Madison; Madison County; Hands on Greater Huntsville; Association of the United States Army; Leadership Huntsville; Committee of 100; Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce; Workforce Development; YMCA Director of Children Programs; SciQuest; BRAC Support; Alabama Governor Bob Riley; Hudson Alpha Institute; Woody Anderson Ford and Digital Radiance Navy Region Southwest; Marine Corps Installations West; San Diego Unified School District

Outstanding Partnerships - Individual Projects

- Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune; Marine Corps Air Station New River; Onslow County Schools, Onslow County Public Library

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