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## **Military Child Education Coalition Announces Dr. Becky Porter as New President and CEO**

The Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) is pleased to announce Dr. Rebecca Porter as the organization's new President and Chief Executive Officer. Dr. Porter served in the U.S. Army from 1981-2019, and most recently commanded the Public Health Command Europe (2017-2019).

A proven leader with more than three decades of military service and numerous accomplishments, Dr. Porter has held prominent leadership positions as the Director of the Center for Personal Development at the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York (2005-2007); Chief of Psychology at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC (2009-2010); and Director of the DiLorenzo TRICARE Health Clinic of the Pentagon (2015-2016). Dr. Porter is a Distinguished Military Graduate (1983) from the University of Washington. She holds a Masters of Arts in Counseling Psychology from Chapman University, a Doctorate of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Clinical Psychology from Fielding Graduate University, and a Masters of Science in National Security and Strategic Studies from the National War College.

Under her leadership, Dr. Porter will continue to champion MCEC's mission, serving and strengthening military-connected families. At the same time, she is committed to growing the organization and to exploring opportunities for innovation to keep pace with an expanding role of technology.

“Advocating for the education opportunities of military children remains the primary focus of MCEC. The organization has succeeded in countless aspects of its mission under Dr. Mary Keller’s leadership, and I’m thrilled to lead the organization in building on her legacy,” said Dr. Porter.

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After over two decades of dedication to military-connected children, one of the MCEC founders and retiring President and CEO, Dr. Mary Keller, is delighted that Dr. Porter is taking the helm as the new President and CEO.

“Becky and I have had many amazing opportunities to work together over the past twenty years. Her personal as well as professional experiences, dedication, expertise, vision, scholarship and enthusiasm are present in all that she does,” said Dr. Keller.

Dr. Porter will begin her new role on September 3.

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The Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) is a 501(c)(3) global, nonprofit organization focused exclusively on the well-being and needs of America’s approximately four million military-connected children, specifically in the areas of academic opportunity and excellence, school transition support, and developmental needs. Our goal is to ensure that every military-connected child grows and thrives through good and challenging times in order to be college, workforce, and ultimately, life-ready.

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