

Defense leader to address attendees of the 21st Annual MCEC National Training Seminar in Washington, DC

Seeking video comments from NTS attendees about strengthening connections between Americans and our Armed Forces

On July 23, 2019, Deputy Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Strategic Engagement Kim Joiner will speak with attendees of the Military Child Education Coalition's 21st Annual National Training Seminar in Washington, DC.

Kim will share information about Department of Defense (DoD) efforts to strengthen America's connections to our Service members and their families. She will discuss the [#KnowYourMil](#) initiative and will engage NTS attendees in a discussion about the importance of telling our military stories to the vast majority of Americans who do not have direct relationships with our Service members and their families.

As part of her presentation, Kim will be sharing information about many common myths and misperceptions about military service that Americans learn from movies, television, news and other information sources.

CALL FOR VIDEO COMMENTS: We want to hear from you!

Military kids and their families, friends and teachers have heard these myths too and Kim would like to include your thoughts on how to create stronger bonds of understanding and mutual support in her presentation at NTS.

If you want to participate, send us a link to a short video expressing your ideas. Your video could be played for the audience during Kim's remarks at the NTS opening session.

Here are some ideas for your video message. Just complete one of the sentences below by adding your thoughts about military service and what you wish people knew about it. *(Of course you can make up your own sentence too if you prefer.)*

- I'm a military child and I wish more people knew that [].
- I teach military kids, and I want people to know that they are [].
- I grew up in a military family, and now as an adult I am [].
- The biggest myth about the military I've heard is [].

Submit your video link by **July 8** to David Nokes at: david.i.nokes.civ@mail.mil

Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you at the MCEC National Training Seminar!



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