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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, the MCEC Board of Directors established the Pete Taylor Partnership of Excellence Award in recognition of General Taylor's work and dedication to helping America's military children. 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."

**Congratulations to the 2015 winners of the
Pete Taylor Partnership of Excellence Award.**

OUTSTANDING PARTNERSHIP AWARD – K-12

Bay Area Education Alliance

NAMES OF PARTNERS:

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

Since its inception in 2006, the Bay Area Education Alliance has been a strong partnership that is multi-faceted and mutually supportive in its purpose to enhance the educational experience/opportunities for over 2000 military-connected students and their families. The partnership members – Tyndall AFB, NSA Panama City, and Bay District Schools – are all strongly committed to exceptional service for military families, military-connected students, students in the broader community, and those in education who serve them.

The Alliance focuses on three (3) objectives:

- Identifying military students, parents, and those working with military families who could benefit from short-term, non-medical counseling services in schools.
- Ensuring military mentors in schools provide positive role models to students.
- Collaborating funds and resources, when applicable, to provide programs, services, and training in schools.

Examples of how the Alliance meets these objectives include:

- The placement of Military Family Life Counselors (MFLC) in 21 schools. The MFLC provides short-term, non-medical counseling support for a range of issues such as relationships, crisis intervention, stress management, grief, occupational issues, and other individual family concerns.
- Increasing military mentorship. Each year, the Bay District School Superintendent personally provides mentor training at both Tyndall AFB and NSA Panama City. With the support of the Installation Commanders, 119 military mentors are placed in schools and connected with students. They have contributed more than 1,700 volunteer hours and positively impacted over 1,000 students.
- Collaboratively funding programs. A variety of programs increase understanding and support such as the *Student 2 Student*® (S2S™), *Junior Student 2 Student*® (JS2S™), S2S/JS2S Symposiums, *Boot Camp for Educators*, *Deployment Readiness*, and additional professional development trainings. The *Honor Cord Recognition* program was instituted for graduating seniors which includes the Honor Cord to be worn at graduation and an American flag symbol placed by their name in the graduation program. Rutherford High School S2S members heard Alex Sheen, Founder of *Because I Said So*, speak at the MCEC National Training Seminar about bettering humanity through promises made and kept. From this the students implemented their own movement. They were inspired to create their own *because I said so* video which went viral, and they partnered with Tyndall AFB to bring speaker Alex Sheen to present his motivational speech to the four area schools.

EXEMPLARY PARTNERSHIP AWARD – K-12

Holloman Air Force Base/Otero STEM

NAMES OF PARTNERS:

- Holloman Air Force Base
- Alamogordo Public Schools
- 846th Test Squadron
- 46th Test Group
- New Mexico State University – Alamogordo
- New Mexico Museum of Space History
- Alamogordo Squadron – Civil Air Patrol
- Bethel Baptist
- Parent and Community representatives

Holloman AFB/Otero STEM had its humble beginnings five years ago when an Active Duty father of two elementary school-aged boys implemented a Lego League at their school. Through the tireless effort and collaborative work of numerous individuals and partners, the Holloman AFB and Alamogordo Public Schools now have an Educational Partnership Agreement (EPA). Along with community leaders, Holloman civilian and military members established the non-profit Otero STEM to provide deeper access for collaborative Holloman AFB outreach efforts in the community. Otero STEM helps to organize and provide additional financial and volunteer support for Holloman AFB STEM programs.

Examples of the partnership activities include:

- Receiving funds for laptop computers from the Rotary Club of Alamogordo.
- Increasing involvement of mentors throughout the community.
- Engaging local students in a variety of projects which has led to national recognition by the CyberPatriot Competition.
- Establishing Air Force STEM Fellows ranging from junior enlisted to senior civilian and military leadership who travel to school and after-school functions to give science demonstrations. This team has helped increase enrollment in STEM programs by 100% over the previous year.
- Supported the Oregon Elementary School's First Lego League team which competed nationally. For the past two years, the Oregon Elementary School's Junior First Lego League team has been invited to the World Festival to meet students and top STEM professionals from around the world.
- Assisted Oregon MESA in the hosting of the 2014 MESA USA National Engineering Design Competition.

RECOGNIZED PARTNERSHIP AWARD – K-12

Madigan Adolescence School-Based Health Clinics

NAMES OF PARTNERS:

- Joint Base Lewis McChord Army Medical Center
- Steilacoom Historical School District No. 1
- Clover Park School District No. 400

Providing health care to military-connected students at an installation-based clinic is less than ideal since students tend to miss school and their parents miss a good portion of their work day.

The Madigan Army Medical Center school-based health clinics were designed to promote the physical, behavioral, and emotional well-being of military dependent adolescent students on the school campuses. The program began in 2012 at Steilacoom High School and Pioneer Middle School. A year later, Clover Park School District joined the partnership with services provided at Lakes High School and Woodbrook Middle School.

The clinics provide a range of services including physicals, treatment of minor illness or injuries, routine immunizations, behavioral and emotional health treatment, as well as developmentally appropriate guidance and education on subjects such as nutrition and development.

RECOGNIZED PARTNERSHIP AWARD – K-12

Community Partnership: DoDEA South Carolina/Fort Stewart/DoDDS Cuba School District and Fort Jackson

NAMES OF PARTNERS:

- Fort Jackson
- DoDEA South Carolina/Fort Stewart/DoDDS Cuba School District
- C.C. Pinckney Elementary School
- Fort Jackson 282nd Army Band
- Fort Jackson Military Police
- HHC, 171st Infantry Brigade
- Fort Jackson Commissary
- Fort Jackson Balfour Beatty Housing Agency
- Fort Jackson Basic Combat Training Museum
- Fort Jackson newspaper, *The Leader*
- C.C. Pinckney Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization
- University of South Carolina Athletics
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Columbia

The Community Partnership Program is a vital overall school program for C.C. Pinckney Elementary School – DoDEA South Carolina/Fort Stewart/DoDDS Cuba School District. It has a combination of both military and community partners who work diligently to create new and different programs for their students.

Examples of those programs include:

- The *Math and Reading Prize Patrol* program was cited by the Fort Jackson Garrison Commander as a best practice for Army installations. This program increases community involvement and rewards student achievement in Reading and Math. Twelve randomly selected families are chosen to receive a surprise visit from the Garrison Commander and his wife who bring bags of reading and educational tools.
- *Math Night* at the Commissary where second through sixth graders apply grade appropriate problem solving skills in a real world setting.
- *Reading to Succeed: Deck the Halls* is an event where stakeholders are invited to view students' work samples as well as graphs of reading comprehension data. As a result of the positive student progress, an incentive store was established to support student reading achievement.

Just like the Fort Jackson motto, "Victory Starts Here," C.C. Pinckney's mission to provide high student achievement and partnership opportunities for military families not only signifies "victory," but also embraces the idea that "real goodness happens at the local level."

OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL PROJECT AWARD – K-12

Wiesbaden Middle School and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Europe

NAME OF COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS:

- Wiesbaden Middle School
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Europe

Wiesbaden Middle School and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Europe (USACE) have worked to create a partnership focused on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) and 21st Century learning. This partnership is a commitment to attaining health and wellness, reducing the carbon footprint, developing healthy habits, and emphasizing leadership skills for a better tomorrow.

The USACE created a Community Outreach program that encompasses the entire learning community. As a result, Wiesbaden Middle School was recognized as a 2015 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon School. Year-long professional development opportunities, off-campus student study trips, Go-To-Meetings classes with career specialists, “Take Your Child to Work Day,” Earth Day events, lessons for cross-curricular areas, and promoting volunteer STEM events highlight this partnership. These efforts help students understand practical applications, set education and career goals, and promote digital learning.

One example of their commitment to a healthy environment is the campaign to increase recycling efforts, and reduce school-wide waste and national resource consumption. Students create videos, bulletin boards, and posters to remind students and faculty to conserve energy at school and home. The result of this year-round effort is the cost savings of more than \$27,000 last year to U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden. In recognition for this school-wide effort, U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden awarded the “Green Boot” to Wiesbaden Middle School as a message to other commands that this school is energy efficient and others should share the same values.

Using *GoToMeeting* as a communication vehicle, students are taught by USACE-Europe personnel electronically. The classroom teachers provide grade-level standards at the beginning of the semester and experts create classroom lessons that coordinate with the pacing guides provided by DoDEA. This interactive and immediate knowledge is engaging and allows for higher-order thinking skills.

EXEMPLARY INDIVIDUAL PROJECT AWARD – K-12

Mission Meadows: We Want You!

NAME OF COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS:

- Meadows Elementary School
- 2-20 Field Artillery, 41st Fires Brigade, Fort Hood

Envisioned to give the 350 Adopt-A-School soldiers a more direct relationship with the 750 Meadows Elementary students, *Mission Meadows: We Want You!* “soldier adoption” program was designed to foster goodwill and demonstrate how much the soldiers are valued and appreciated by the administration, faculty, and students. This shared community relationship brings student curriculum standards to life by incorporating reading, writing, and communication skills.

Encouraged to fill out “All About Me” adoption papers complete with photos and decorated according to their personality, the soldiers are matched with one of 41 classes at Meadows. On a bi-monthly basis, the classes adopt two to three soldiers. Students create cards, letters, posters, and gift bags to welcome their new soldier into their classroom family. This new family member is encouraged to visit at least twice monthly and participate in a variety of activities and events.

Examples of activities and events include:

- *Second grade kickball tournaments* – The soldiers bond with their team as they coach them to victory.
- *Ride2Recovery* – Soldiers and their adopted classes show their pride and patriotism by cheering the Ride2Recovery participants as they ride past Meadows Elementary.
- *East Gate Caroling* – Students and their soldiers make signs, bring goodies, and sing Christmas carols to soldiers manning the East Gate access to Fort Hood.
- *Texas Association of School Boards Student Video Contest* – Last year their video proudly displayed photos of their adopted soldiers and won second place in the state competition.
- *Career Day* – Soldiers transport equipment such as Stryker’s M777s, radars, and Nuclear Biological Chemical (NBC) masks, and man stations to demonstrate how reading and math skills are used in every day Army life.
- *Trunk or Treat* – Annually, the 2-20FA soldiers host this safe Halloween event for their families and this year they included their Meadows Elementary School community. Students also brought goodies and treats to share with their soldiers.

2014 WINNERS:

Outstanding Partnership – K-12

- Joint Readiness Training Center & Fort Polk; Vernon Parish School District; Fort Polk Progress; The Rapides Foundation; Louisiana Department of Education; Louisiana Economic Development; Northwestern State University; Louisiana Technical Community College; Vernon Parish Chamber of Commerce, Louisiana

Exemplary Partnerships – K-12

- School District of Clay County; Naval Air Station Jacksonville; Department of Defense Education Activity; Clay Action Coalition, Inc.; University of North Florida, Brooks College of Health; Saint Leo University; St. Johns River State College; Thrasher-Horne Conference Center; Florida Department of Environmental Protection; Girl Scouts of Gateway Council; Navy Entomology Center; Fleet Readiness Center Southeast; University of Florida; Naval Hospital, Florida
- Barksdale Air Force Base; Bossier Parish Schools; Bossier Chamber of Commerce; Military Affairs Council; Barksdale Forward; Cyber Innovation Center; Greater Bossier Economic Development Foundation; Representative Henry Burns, Republican District 9, Louisiana

Recognized Partnerships – K-12

- Holloman Air Force Base; Alamogordo Public Schools; City of Alamogordo, New Mexico
- Portsmouth Naval Shipyard; Kittery School Department; Rotary Club of Kittery; Maine Department of Education; Maine Military Interstate Compact Council, Maine

Exemplary Partnerships – Higher Education

- University of Southern California; Navy Region Southwest; Marine Camp Installations West; Bar-Ilan University; San Diego State University; University of California-Los Angeles; University of California-San Diego; Teachers College Press (Columbia University); Bonsall Union School District; Chula Vista Elementary School District; Escondido Union School District; Escondido Union High School District; Fallbrook Union Elementary School District; Fallbrook Union High School District; Oceanside Unified School District; Temecula Valley Unified School District, California
- Old Dominion University; Navy Region Mid-Atlantic; Navy School Liaison Officers; Darden College of Education; Virginia Beach City Public Schools; Newport News City Public Schools, Virginia

Recognized Partnerships – Higher Education

- Kansas State University; Fort Riley; Geary County Public Schools (USD 475);

Manhattan-Ogden Public Schools (USD 383); Riley County Public Schools (USD 378); Chapman (USD 473), Kansas

2013 WINNERS:

Outstanding Partnership

- Virginia Beach City Public Schools; Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story; Naval Air Station Oceana; Old Dominion University; National Math and Science Institute; Virginia Advanced Study Strategies, Virginia

Exemplary Partnerships

- Waynesville R-VI School District; Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri
- West Point Elementary School (DoDEA); West Point Middle School (DoDEA); James I. O'Neill High School (Highland Falls-Fort Montgomery Central School District); West Point United States Military Academy, New York

Outstanding Individual Programs

- Camp Lejeune; Brewster Middle School; Bitz Intermediate School, North Carolina

2012 WINNERS:

Outstanding Partnership

- Anchorage School District and Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska

Recognized Partnerships

- DoDEA Fort Benning Schools: Herbert Dexter Elementary School; Don Faith Middle School; Frank Loyd Elementary School; Morris McBride Elementary School; Freddie Stowers Elementary School; Edward White Elementary School; Richard Wilson Elementary School, Georgia
Fort Benning: 1/29th Infantry; 1/10th Field Artillery; Directorate of Emergency Services; 2/58th Infantry; 192nd Infantry Brigade; 2/29th Infantry Regiment; OCS 11th Infantry Regiment; 197th Infantry HHC; 2/11th Infantry HHC; Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC); and
Fort Benning Community: Muscogee County Career and Technical Academy; WRBL News 3; Embracing Military Children; and Big Lots Stores, Georgia
- U.S. Army Garrison Presidio of Monterey; Naval Support Activity Monterey (NSA Monterey) and Naval Postgraduate School (NPS); Monterey Peninsula Unified School District; and National Naval Officers' Association (NNOA), California

Recognized Individual Programs

- Naval Air Station Key West and Sigsbee Charter Schools, Florida

2011 WINNERS:

Outstanding Partnership

- 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, North Carolina

Exemplary Partnerships

- Naval Submarine Base New London, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, and local school districts in New London County, Connecticut
- Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka, CFAY Complex Schools of the DoDEA Japan District, Japan
- Tyndall Air Force Base, Naval Support Activity Panama City, Bay District Schools, Florida

Recognized Individual Programs

- 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, Germany
- Tanana Middle School; Ladd Elementary School; Child Youth Behavioral Military & Family Life Program; Military School Liaison Program, Alaska

2010 WINNERS:

Outstanding Partnership

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

Exemplary Partnerships

- Joint Military Service School Liaison Committee
Military Partners: Joint Base Langley-Eustis; 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, Virginia
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, Virginia

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, Oklahoma
- 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, Alabama
- Navy Region Southwest; Marine Corps Installations West; San Diego Unified School District, California

Outstanding Partnerships - Individual Projects

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

2009 WINNERS:

Outstanding Partnership

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

Exemplary Partnerships

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

Recognized Partnerships

- Fort Campbell, 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, Kentucky/Tennessee

- 2-20 Field Artillery; 41st Fires Brigade, Fort Hood; Meadows Elementary School, Killeen Independent School District, Texas
- Child and Youth School Services, Fort Riley; Geary County Schools USD #475, Kansas
- The U.S. Army Garrison, Schweinfurt; Schweinfurt Middle School nurses & various other community groups, Germany

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

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, Virginia

Exemplary Partnerships

- 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
- Fort Carson Community: 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, Colorado
- 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

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, Kentucky/Tennessee

Exemplary Partnerships

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

Outstanding Community/School Project

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

2005 WINNERS:



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