

Mar-Apr 2018



# Patriot's Express



**JBSA Military Child Education Program**  
**Connecting Families, Communities and Schools**

## *Celebrate America's Youngest Heroes*

### **APRIL IS MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD**



Each year April is designated as the **Month of the Military Child** to recognize the commitment, contributions and sacrifices of military children. The official commemoration was established in 1986 by former Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger.

The military child serves too - they are expected to support the mission by understanding the needs of the military when a parent deploys, they receive permanent change of station orders to relocate and when the military member has to put service before their families' needs. All while they fully don't understand what is going on they must constantly adjust to distance, unfamiliarity and uncertain schedules. Our military children take pride in serving our country just like their parents.

During the celebration month, one day is designated each year as "Purple Up! For Military Kids" and everyone is encouraged to wear purple to show support and in recognition of their service, commitment and sacrifice to supporting the Armed Forces missions. Why Purple? Purple symbolizes all branches of the military, Army Green, Air Force Blue, Coast Guard Blue, Marine Red and Navy Blue. It represents a unified family of the US Military.

### **APRIL 13TH \* PURPLE UP! FOR MILITARY KIDS DAY**

The initiative that has gained momentum and is now celebrated nationwide since 2011 was led by the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension 4-H Military Partnership.



This year **April 13, 2018** has been declared Purple Up! Day for Texas and we are asking schools, youth organizations, businesses and community partners to Purple Up! so that military youth actually **SEE** the support in their communities! Texas is proud to be home to Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy, National Guard and Reserve families and the second largest state in the US with military dependents ages 0-18. So help us recognize military children's sacrifices as they serve our nation.

We ask that if districts/campuses/businesses share on Social Media activities and celebrations (even if it's just wearing purple)- please tag our office - Twitter: @jbsa\_slo Facebook: JBSA School Liaison Offices and use the following hashtags: **#milkids #MOMC #PurpleUpTexas**

The Month of the Military Child & Purple Up! Day is a powerful opportunity to raise awareness and support for their unique challenges. Help us honor our youngest heroes, military children and thank them for their courage, character, resilience and patriotism.

**GET YOUR PURPLE ON!**

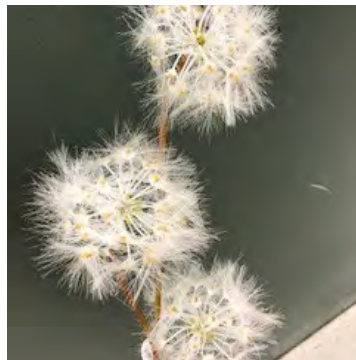
**LET'S PAINT TEXAS PURPLE!**

"Alone, we can do so little; together we can do so much." — Helen Keller



**How would you describe a military child?**

**The Official Flower of a Military Child is a Dandelion!**



## Save the Date!

- 21 Mar Mentoring (W)
- 29 Mar Transition to Kindergarten (W)
- 10 Apr PCSing w/ School Age Youth (W)
- 11 Apr PCSing w/ School Age Youth (W)
- 13 Apr Purple Up!-For Military Kids (E)
- 18 Apr PCSing w/ School Age Youth (W)
- 10 May Mentoring (W)
- 10 May Mentoring (W)
- 15 May Preventing the Summer Slide (W)
- 16 May Mentoring (W)

Contact your MCE-SLO for more details

W=Workshop

E= Event

Lackland      Randolph      Fort Sam Houston



There's an opportunity for everyone in San Antonio to participate in Destination College Week 2018!

### Destination College Toolkits

- 1 **Where:** City-wide!  
**When:** Monday, April 16 - Friday, April 20  
**Who:** Schools/Teachers/Students Grades PK-12  
**How:** Visit [www.iknowwhereimgoing.com](http://www.iknowwhereimgoing.com) to view and download toolkits.

### College T-Shirt Day

- 2 **Where:** City-wide!  
**When:** Friday, April 20  
**Who:** Everyone!  
**How:** Wear your college t-shirt and post to social media! #destinationcollege #collegesigningday

### College Signing Day

- 3 **Where:** Alamo Convocation Center  
**When:** Friday, April 20, 10 am - 11:30 am  
**Who:** High School Seniors  
**How:** School representatives can contact Rebecca Salazar at [rsalaza1@trinity.edu](mailto:rsalaza1@trinity.edu) to register.

Questions? Please call 210.207.4528 or email [rgonzalez@saedpartnership.org](mailto:rgonzalez@saedpartnership.org).



Join us for our 6th annual TACAC San Antonio Regional College Fair.

Meet over 130 different college and universities!  
Free admissions. Open to the public.

**Tuesday, April 24, 2018 6:00 - 8:00 PM**

Hosted at The University of Texas at San Antonio Campus Recreation and Wellness Center-1st Floor Gym Courts

JBSA Lackland Month of the Military Child

# Celebrate MILITARY KIDS Fair

**April 14**  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Games! Fun! Parent Resources!  
**FREE!** for everyone!

JBSA Lackland Youth Programs  
Bldg. 8420 • (210) 671-2388  
www.myjbsa-fss-mwr.com

# MEGA LOCKIN

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO YOUTH PROGRAMS

**APRIL 27-28**  
JBSA-RANDOLPH YOUTH PROGRAMS  
**9 P.M. TO 6 A.M.**

Join Youth Programs for this fantastic event!  
There will be games, challenges, crafts, dance contests, snacks and a whole lot more!

The cost is \$15 for ages 13-18. Deadline to sign-up is April 20.

For more information, please call (210) 652-2088.

**We're Proud of You!**

April, 2018  
Month of the Military Child  
We Thank You for Your Service, too!

*Home is Where the Military Plants Us*

**OUR MISSION**  
To ensure inclusive, quality educational opportunities for all disadvantaged children affected by mobility, transition, relocations and family separation.

**OUR VISION**  
Every military-connected child is college, workforce, and life ready.

Artwork by MaKayla (Grade 8) | Randolph Air Force Base | Universal City, Texas | Civilian.

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**Congratulations to MaKayla, Grade 8 @ Randolph!**  
Her artwork was selected by MCEC to be the background for the Month of the Military Child Certificate that is used worldwide!



**Connecting - Families - Schools - Military Community**



Your JB SA team - serving you proudly!  
 Lackland \* 210-671-8388/3722  
 Randolph \* 210-652-5321  
 Fort Sam Houston\* 210-221-2214/2256



MILITARY INTERSTATE  
 CHILDREN'S COMPACT  
 COMMISSION

*MIC3 Madness*

**Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children**

**Educational and Enrollment Records**

**Unofficial or "hand-carried" education records**

Custodian of Records sends unofficial records to parents.

School shall enroll and appropriately place student pending validation of official records.

**Official Education Records/Transcripts**

Receiving state shall request student's official education records from sending state.

Sending state's school will furnish official education records within ten (10) days or reasonably determined time promulgated by the Interstate Commission.

**Immunization**

Student is given thirty (30) calendar days from the date of enrollment.

Series Immunization: For a series of immunizations, initial vaccinations must be obtained within thirty (30) calendar days.

**Kindergarten and First Grade Entry Age**

Receiving state shall allow student to continue their enrollment at grade level from sending state and promote student that satisfactorily completed prerequisite grade level in sending state, regardless of age.

Student transferring after school year starts shall enter school on their validated level from accredited sending school state.

JBSA Fort SAM HOUSTON YOUTH PROGRAMS

**"CELEBRATE OUR FUTURE!!"**

BASEBALL OPENING DAY AND MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD CELEBRATION

Saturday 7 April 2018

9am-1pm

Youth Sports Complex at Dodd Field



Baseball and T-ball games

Youth Recognition Ceremony

Games

Crafts

CLASS DEMONSTRATIONS

Music

Musical Performance from SHREK the Musical Jr

Free Hotdog Chips and Drink for all participants

For More information, call 210-221-3502 or 210-221-4492

