



The Military Child World Expo
The National Association For Military-Connected Children
The Home of the Military Child

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Friends of Arlington's David M. Brown Planetarium to Exhibit at the Military Child World Expo

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The Military Child World Expo Foundation (MCWEF) announced that Friends of Arlington's David M. Brown Planetarium will participate as a community exhibitor at the upcoming Military Child World Expo, reinforcing Arlington's role as the Home of the Military Child.

The David M. Brown Planetarium has long served Arlington families as a trusted center for science education, exploration, and public learning. Its participation in the Expo reflects a shared commitment to curiosity, discovery, and youth engagement, values that align closely with the lived experiences of military-connected children.

"Military-connected children are natural explorers," said Adrienne Schaffer, Esq. (Colonel Retired), Chair, MCWEF. "They navigate new schools, communities, and cultures throughout their lives. Partnering with the Planetarium highlights how exploration, scientific and personal, intersects with service and belonging here in Arlington."

The Military Child World Expo is a free, family-friendly national convening that brings together military-connected children, families, educators, community organizations, and institutional partners. As a community exhibitor, Friends of Arlington's David M. Brown Planetarium will engage attendees through science-focused outreach that complements the Expo's emphasis on identity, learning, and cultural connection.

This collaboration underscores how local institutions contribute to a broader national mission, ensuring military-connected children are supported not only through services, but through access to knowledge, inspiration, and community pride.

About the Military Child World Expo Foundation (MCWEF)

The Military Child World Expo Foundation (MCWEF) serves as the National Association for Military-Connected Children, providing national leadership, cultural stewardship, and institutional coordination on behalf of children growing up in military-connected families worldwide.

MCWEF advances its mission through a flagship national convening, the Military Child World Expo, and targeted initiatives focused on cultural identity, caregiving recognition, and belonging.

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