



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

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**Arlington, Virginia Recognized as the Home of the Military Child**

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The Military Child World Expo Foundation (MCWEF) formally recognized Arlington, Virginia as the Home of the Military Child, reflecting the region's longstanding connection to military families, national service, and community stewardship.

Arlington's proximity to the nation's capital, its diverse military-connected population, and its network of educational, civic, and cultural institutions positions the community as a natural home for national efforts centered on military-connected children.

The designation affirms Arlington as a place where military-connected children are not only supported through services but also recognized culturally and civically as a distinct community shaped by service, mobility, and global experience.

"Home is more than geography, it is belonging," said Adrienne Schaffer, Esq., (Colonel Retired). Chair, MCWEF. "Recognizing Arlington as the Home of the Military Child reflects our commitment to anchoring national work in a community that understands service, sacrifice, and continuity."

This place-based identity supports MCWEF's broader mission by strengthening local partnerships, advancing national visibility, and providing a stable civic home for the Foundation's flagship convening, initiatives, and community engagement.

**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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