



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

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**Military Child World Expo Foundation Announces Founding and Formal Transition of National Operations**

**Arlington, VA**

The Military Child World Expo Foundation (MCWEF) announced the formal completion of its founding and organizational transition, establishing MCWEF as the permanent national institution responsible for advancing recognition, cultural stewardship, and belonging for military-connected children.

The work now led by MCWEF began operationally in January 2024 under the Military Children's Six Foundation (MC6), which initially incubated and launched core programs and national convening efforts. Following a structured transition process, all operations, governance authority, and institutional responsibilities were formally transferred to the Military Child World Expo Foundation upon its legal establishment in November 2025.

This transition reflects a deliberate evolution from program incubation to permanent national stewardship. MCWEF was created to provide long-term continuity, coordination, and institutional leadership for military-connected children, while preserving the foundational work initiated under MC6.

“The transition ensures that this work has a stable, enduring home,” said Adrienne Schaffer, Esq. (Colonel Retired), Chair, MCWEF. “MCWEF exists to carry forward what began in early 2024 and to steward it responsibly for generations of military-connected children to come.”

As part of the transition, MCWEF assumed responsibility for all national initiatives, partnerships, and the flagship Military Child World Expo, ensuring continuity of mission, standards, and public accountability.

**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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