



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 Returns to Arlington as a Free National Convening for Military-Connected Children and Families

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The Military Child World Expo Foundation (MCWEF) announced that the Military Child World Expo will return to Arlington, Virginia as a free, family-friendly national convening celebrating military-connected children, families, and communities.

The Military Child World Expo serves as MCWEF's flagship national platform, bringing together military-connected children, parents, educators, community organizations, and institutional partners for recognition, learning, cultural expression, and connection.

The Expo features youth-centered programming, arts and humanities showcases, caregiver recognition, educational resources, and community engagement designed to affirm identity and belonging for children growing up in military-connected families.

“Providing free access ensures that recognition and belonging are not limited by circumstance,” said Adrienne Schaffer, Esq., (Colonel Retired), MCWEF. “The Expo exists to honor military-connected children where they are and to welcome families into a space that reflects their experiences.”

Hosted in Arlington, the Home of the Military Child, the Expo reflects the region’s longstanding connection to national service and military families, while serving as a national gathering point for shared learning and community.

Attendance at the Military Child World Expo is free and open to the public. Advance registration is used solely to manage capacity and ensure a positive experience for families.

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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