



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 Named Flagship National Convening of the Military Child World Expo Foundation

Alexandria, VA

The Military Child World Expo Foundation (MCWEF) today announced that the Military Child World Expo has been formally designated as its flagship national convening, reinforcing the Foundation's role as the National Association for Military-Connected Children.

The designation clarifies the relationship between MCWEF and the Military Child World Expo, establishing the Expo as the Foundation's primary public-facing platform for national convening, visibility, and engagement, while affirming that the Expo is one expression of MCWEF's broader institutional mission.

The Military Child World Expo serves as a free, family-friendly national gathering that brings together military-connected children, families, educators, community organizations, and institutional partners. The Expo provides a structured environment for recognition, learning, cultural expression, and connection.

"Designating the Military Child World Expo as our flagship convening ensures clarity, continuity, and purpose," said Adrienne Schaffer, Esq. (Colonel Retired), Chair, MCWEF. "It allows us to convene nationally while maintaining a permanent institutional foundation dedicated to military-connected children year-round."

Through this structure, MCWEF advances coordinated national leadership while ensuring the Expo remains accessible, inclusive, and focused on the lived experiences of military-connected children.

Headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia, MCWEF also advances a place-based identity recognizing the region as the Home of the Military Child, reflecting a commitment to long-term stewardship and community partnership.

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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