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## **OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO MILITARY CHILDREN RECOGNIZED AT NATIONAL TRAINING SEMINAR**

*Coalition salutes partnerships between military installations, school districts, colleges and universities serving military children.*

**HARKER HEIGHTS, TX, August 1, 2014** – The 2014 recipients of the LTG (Ret) H.G. “Pete” Taylor Partnership of Excellence Award™ were recently announced by the Military Child Education Coalition® (MCEC®) at its 16<sup>th</sup> National Training Seminar in Washington, DC.

This annual award encourages and applauds the outstanding partnerships formed between military installations and school districts that serve military children. Award winners are selected from schools and military installations around the world by MCEC, a non-profit organization dedicated to addressing the transition and educational issues affecting the highly mobile military child.

MCEC announced the following 2014 Pete Taylor Partnership of Excellence Award™ winners:

In the K-12 category:

- **2014 Outstanding Partnership Award: The Education Initiative** - Partners: Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk, Vernon Parish School District, Fort Polk Progress, The Rapides Foundation, Louisiana Department of Education, Louisiana Economic Development, Northwestern State University, Louisiana Tech Community College, and Vernon Parish Chamber of Commerce, Louisiana.
- **2014 Exemplary Partnership Award: Full STEA+M Ahead** – Partners: Naval Air Station Jacksonville, School District of Clay County, Department of Defense Education Activity, Clay Action Coalition, Inc., University of North Florida-Brooks College of Health, Saint Leo University, St Johns River State College, Thrasher-Horne Conference Center, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Girl Scouts of Gateway Council, Navy Entomology Center, Fleet Readiness Center Southeast, University of Florida, and Navy Hospital, Florida.
- **2014 Exemplary Partnership Award: Barksdale/Bossier Connection** – Partners: Barksdale AFB, Bossier Parish Schools, and Bossier Chamber of Commerce, Military Affairs Council, Barksdale Forward, Cyber Innovation Center, Greater Bossier Economic Development Foundation, Representative Henry Burns, Republican District 9, Louisiana.

- **2014 Recognized Partnership Award: Power Up Team Holloman** – Partners: Holloman AFB, Alamogordo Public Schools, and City of Alamogordo, New Mexico.
- **2014 Recognized Partnership Award: Commitment, Community and Collaboration: Building Systems of Support for Military-Connected Children in Maine** – Partners: Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery School Department, Rotary Club of Kittery, Maine Department of Education, and Maine Military Interstate Compact, Council, Maine.

The Higher Education Award, recognizing the efforts that exist in our colleges and universities, highlights and encourages the outstanding teacher preparation programs that include critical information and experiences focusing on military-connected children.

In the Higher Education category:

- **2014 Exemplary Higher Education Partnership Award: Building Capacity to Create Highly Supportive Military-Connected School Districts Consortium** – Partners: University of Southern California, Navy Region Southwest, Marine Camp Installations West, Bar-Ilan University, San Diego State University, University of California-Los Angeles, University of California-San Diego, Teachers College Press (Columbia University), Bonsall Union School District, Chula Vista Elementary School District, Escondido Union School District, Escondido Union High School District, Fallbrook Union Elementary School District, Fallbrook Union High School District, Oceanside Unified School District, and Temecula Valley Unified School District
- **2014 Exemplary Higher Education Partnership Award: Teaching, Education, and Advocacy for Military Students (TEAMS)** – Partners: Old Dominion University, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic, Darden College of Education, Virginia Beach City Public School, Navy School Liaison Officers, and Newport News City Public Schools
- **2014 Recognized Higher Education Partnership Award: Kansas State University Collaboration** – Partners: Kansas State University, Fort Riley, Geary County Public Schools (Unified School District 475), Manhattan-Ogden Public Schools (Unified School District 383), Riley County Public Schools (Unified School District 378), and Chapman (Unified School District 473)

The Pete Taylor Partnership of Excellence Award™ was created in 2004 to recognize the work of former MCEC Chairman Lieutenant General (Ret.) Pete Taylor in assisting the highly mobile military child. The award is designed to foster the sharing of lessons learned and to recognize the long-held belief of General Taylor that “goodness starts at the local level.”

“MCEC proudly salutes the remarkable difference that these schools and military installations are making in the lives of military children,” said Dr. Mary Keller, executive director of MCEC. “By partnering in unique and innovative ways, these military and education leaders follow the example set by General Taylor and remind us once again of the impact that we as a community can have on each military child.”

#### **About MCEC**

Founded in 1998, the Military Child Education Coalition® (MCEC®) is a 501(c)(3) global, nonprofit leadership and advocacy organization focused on ensuring quality educational opportunities for America’s two million military-connected children affected by mobility, family separation, and transition. For more information, visit [www.MilitaryChild.org](http://www.MilitaryChild.org).

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