

# OUR MILITARY



## CHILDREN

### 100 Best Communities for Young People

Fort Bragg/City of Fayetteville and Moore County were named winners as one of the nations 100 Best Communities for Young People by America's Promise Alliance.

The 2010 recognition marks the second win for Fort Bragg in the competition, and the first joint win in partnership with the City of Fayetteville.

The 100 Best designation recognizes those communities that make youth a priority by implementing programs that help keep children in school and prepare them for college and the 21st century workforce.

The competition is open to all communities that make children and youth a priority, including small towns, large cities, counties and school districts.

In addition to enhancing local educational opportunities, most winning communities have taken steps to facilitate improved access to health care for its young people, encourage youth civic engagement and supply develop-

mental resources that create better places for young people to live and grow. The entire 2010 list of 100 Best Communities for Young People and their accomplishments can be found at [www.americaspromise.org](http://www.americaspromise.org).

"It is a great honor to share the recognition of this award with our partners in the City of Fayetteville. The relationship we enjoy with the City is exceptional. There is no better joint military-community spirit and cooperation to be found anywhere in this nation. Fayetteville is the most military friendly community in the country and proved it yet again with this recognition. Finally, this is just another great example of how we work together to make our greater Fort Bragg - City of Fayetteville communities a better place to work and live," stated Col. Stephen Sicinski, Fort Bragg Garrison Commander.

Other communities in North Carolina also awarded as the nation's 100 Best include Pitt County and Durham, NC.





## Teaching Fellows Scholarship Program

The Teaching Fellows Scholarship Program awards \$26,000 scholarships to 500 of NC's best and brightest graduating high school students each year at one of the eighteen colleges and universities. The scholarship provides a preparation program which helps them become highly qualified teachers. Applications will be available online from August 13th through October 15th. For more information, please visit [www.teachingfellows.org](http://www.teachingfellows.org).

## Computer Give Away

Lenovo and Kramden Institute, Inc., in partnership with Fort Bragg Army Community Service (ACS) and Child, Youth and School Services (CYSS), are presenting an opportunity to distribute a limited supply of free refurbished computers to Military Families who meet certain criteria.

Nearly 500 free computers were provided to Military Families in 2007 and 2009, combined. We are requesting our Military Families who are interested in participating in this year's Fort Bragg event, to turn in their completed form by 25 Oct 2010. Application forms are available online at [www.fortbraggmwr.com/sls/computergiveaway.php](http://www.fortbraggmwr.com/sls/computergiveaway.php)

Please return the completed questionnaire to ACS (3rd Floor, Soldier Support Center, Fort Bragg, NC), Fax: 910-432-2763, or e-mail: [virginia.brooks2@us.army.mil](mailto:virginia.brooks2@us.army.mil) or [lolda.hernandez@us.army.mil](mailto:lolda.hernandez@us.army.mil). Questions can be directed to ACS, Lynn Olavarria or CYSS, Gerhard Guevarra; 910-907-3410 and 910-432-1023, respectively.

## Military Support on CFNC.org (College Foundation of North Carolina)

The College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC) now has a support page for Military-Connected students. On CFNC's Military support page, students can find information about North Carolina's Military tuition policy, review the Department of Veterans Affairs' education benefits and explore North Carolina's colleges and universities. For more information, please visit [www.cfnc.org](http://www.cfnc.org).

## New Website for the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission

The Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) new web site, [www.mic3.net](http://www.mic3.net), provides information about the Interstate Compact for Educational Opportunities for Military Children. It will also provide valuable resources, news, contact information, links, and recent rulings by the Commission.

## DoDEA Provides Free Special Education Products for Military-Connected Schools

The Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) will provide free special education products for educators through a new initiative for military-connected schools.

The program, sponsored by DoDEA's Educational Partnership Branch, includes 16 special education training modules and is available for any school supporting military families.

The modules cover a broad spectrum of topics including mediation and conflict resolution, classroom behavior management strategies and effective strategies for students with mathematical difficulties. There is also a module on autism spectrum disorders. The modules are supported by facilitator guides that provide additional resources for each module, including implementation and evaluation content.

In addition to the modules, the Educational Partnership offered two face-to-face professional development seminars in Washington and North Carolina. Both sessions were well attended by local school personnel. Additional face-to-face training is planned for the summer of 2011.

Schools that serve military families can order the training modules by calling 703-588-3156, or by visiting DoDEA's Educational Partnership at [www.militaryk12partners.dodea.edu](http://www.militaryk12partners.dodea.edu).

DoDEA plans, directs, coordinates, and manages pre-kindergarten through 12th grade education programs for Department of Defense (DoD) dependents who would otherwise not have access to a high-quality, public education. DoDEA also provides support and resources to Local Education Agencies throughout the U.S. that serve children of military families.

## Reach Every Military Child in North Carolina (Reach MCNC)

Reach Every Military Child in North Carolina's mission is to ensure that every military connected child in the state of North Carolina receives information that will assist them in achieving academic success.

Reach MCNC consists of the Military School Liaison Officers from Fort Bragg, Pope Air Force Base, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, Marine Corps Air Station New River and the US Coast Guard.

School Liaison Officers represent, inform and assist their command concerning school (K-12) related issues, assist Military-connected families for seamless transitions and achieving academic success as well as partnering with local school districts to better educate our Military-connected families.

Since September 11, 2001, North Carolina has experienced the largest deployment of military personnel since World War II. Our state is home to six major military installations as well as tens of thousands of National Guard and Reserve members scattered across North Carolina.

Because nearly 64 percent of all military personnel nationwide have children, two-thirds of military families live off post and their children attend public schools, and the average military family moves three times more often than their civilian counterparts, schools provide a critical source stability and support for these children and their parents.

For this reason, educators and administrators in every one of our state's school districts, not just near military bases, must be able to meet the unique needs of children struggling with the deployment of one or both parents.

Yet, far too many educators are unaware of the federal and state resources available to help these students transition, focus on learning during difficult times and succeed.

Reach MCNC's final outcome is to ensure that every military-connected child in our state re-

ceives the resources and support they need to achieve academic success. To kick off outreach efforts, Reach MCNC partners conducted three regional roundtable meetings in August in which school liaison officers and NC National Guard Family Program representatives shared important information about Military Impact Aid, the NC Memorandum of Agreement, the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children and NC National Guard Family Assistance Centers with nearly 100 LEA representatives.

For more information about Reach MCNC, learn how you can get involved, or how to contact any of the North Carolina School Liaison Officers from Fort Bragg, Pope Air Force Base, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, Marine Corps Air Station New River, or the North Carolina US Coast Guard, please visit <http://www.fortbraggmwr.com/sls/remcnc.php>.

**REACH MCNC**

Reach Every Military Child  
in North Carolina



# EVENTS AND DATES TO REMEMBER

## Stewards of Children

October 21, 2010  
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Reduce child sexual abuse through adult-based education and awareness. Provides adults with information to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly. More info: (910) 396-8682

## Home School Spelling Bee

October 22, 2010  
10AM-3PM  
Pre-Register Online: <http://www.fortbraggmwr.com/sls/homeschoolspellingbee.php>

### Eligibility Requirements:

- Ages: 8-15
- Home Schooled (open to Military and Civilian)
- Other Information:
- Participants will be divided into grade levels (Elementary, Middle, High)
- Prizes awarded by grade level

## Life Choices for Teens

October 23, 2010  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. A class for teens 13-18 that teaches the skills they need to make better choices, feel better about themselves, and learn how to avoid peer pressure. The class is interactive with discussions, group, and individual activities being the focus. For more details or questions, please feel free to call us. More info: (910) 396-8682

## Movie Night at the Beach

October 23, 2010  
8:30 pm - 11 pm. How to Train Your Dragon. Smith Lake. (910) 396-5979.

## Reunion for Families

27 October 1800-2000, 3 November 0900-1100, 15 December 1800-2000. FRG Center. To provide Families with understanding of the reunion process, transition in roles and relationships, and the importance of communication. Life consultant will be present to answer any questions/concerns. Registration is required. To register call 432-3742.

## Fort Bragg Family 5K Monthly Walk/Run for Fun

October 30, 2010  
9 am. Hedrick Stadium. Time for Fort Bragg's monthly Family Fun 5K Walk/Run. View flyer for details. For more information, call (910) 396-1217.

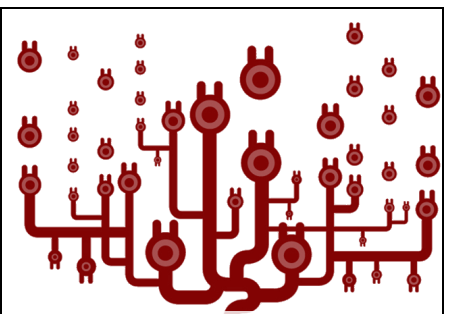
## Military Appreciation Weekend at Hubbs Corn Maze

November 5-7, 2010  
Tickets are 1/2 price. The only exception is the pony rides, which are normally \$5. They will be \$3. Saturday is also Pet Day, so there will be dogs at the maze from 1-5 pm. Visit Hubbs Corn Maze website for more information.

## EDGE! Programs

The EDGE program offers out-of-school enrichment opportunities for children and youth (grades 1-12) to experience, develop, grow, and excel by participating in cutting-edge art, fitness, life skills and adventure activities, known as Art EDGE!, Fit EDGE!, Life EDGE! and Adventure EDGE! Find out what's going on this month. For more info visit [www.fortbraggmwr.com/edge.php](http://www.fortbraggmwr.com/edge.php) or call 910-432-6428.

# CONTACT INFO



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