

RECOGNIZING *Military Families*

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In May, we pause to remember men and women who died while serving our country. We also recognize the bravery and sacrifices of the many diverse military families across the United States.

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MIC3

The Military Interstate Children's Compact, or MIC3, was developed in 2006 to ease the

EDUCATIONAL CHALLENGES
THAT MILITARY CHILDREN ENCOUNTER.

MIC3 is a CSG Affiliate organization.

ALL 50 STATES

and the District of Columbia have adopted the compact. New York was the last state to adopt the compact.

75

PERCENT

OF ACTIVE-DUTY
CHILDREN ARE
UNDER AGE 12.



GOLD STAR FAMILIES

are families who **have lost loved ones in war.**

In 1936, the U.S. first observed Gold Star Mother's Day on the last Sunday in September.

THE GOLD STAR
LAPEL BUTTON WAS
ESTABLISHED IN 1947.

Among 1.1 million military children ages 5 to 18, about

630,000

are children of active-duty parents.

83,609

ACTIVE-DUTY ENLISTED MEMBERS
AND OFFICERS ARE IN
DUAL-MILITARY MARRIAGES.

RACIAL MINORITIES REPRESENT

26% OF THE SELECTED RESERVE

33% OF ACTIVE-DUTY ENLISTED MEMBERS

23% OF ACTIVE-DUTY OFFICERS

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

in Hudsonville, Michigan, features six life-size statues that represent each branch of the military, as well as a **MILITARY MOTHER COMFORTING HER CHILD.**

41

PERCENT

OF MILITARY PERSONNEL,
including active-duty
and selected reserve
personnel,
HAVE CHILDREN.

