



# SLP Global Connect

Bridging the Gap Between Installations - Communities - Families  
Dept. of the Air Force School Liaison Program



Celebrating the  
**77th**  
USAF BIRTHDAY  
18 September

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## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS - PARTNERING FOR SUCCESS *Public Schools on Military Installations (PSMI)*

- PSMIs are schools that are owned and operated by local education agencies (LEA), **but are located on or surrounded by federal land**
- 160 public schools are on military installations
- 40% are on DAF installations (64 schools)



### Primary Installation POC

School Liaison Program Manager (SLPM)

- Advisor to the installation commander
- Consults and collaborates with installation agencies (e.g., CE, PHEO, SFS, OSI, JA, MDG, SE, etc.)
- Documents safety and security concerns, provides trend analysis and feedback to Command and District Administration
- Manages all inquiries, inspection visits, partnerships, volunteer opportunities, guest speakers, and collaboration between installation and PSMI
- Key player with Office of Local Defense and Community Cooperation PSMI Grant Program, including communication, site visits, meetings, and process navigation



Holloman Air Force Base and Alamogordo Public Schools held a groundbreaking ceremony for the new \$59.6 million Holloman Elementary and Middle School project. Supported by the OLDCC PSMI Grant, this endeavor aims to develop cohesive outdoor areas for both school campuses and replace the existing middle school campus. 2 SLPMs were pivotal in ensuring this project remained a primary focus throughout the tenure of 4 installation commanders, 4 deputy commanders and 5 LEA superintendents.



### Beyond the Basics

- MOA with SFS for School Resource Officers in PSMIs (Dover AFB)
- Job Shadow Program to support Career Technical Education (Edwards AFB)
- Working Group with SLPM, SFS, OSI, PSMI and LEA admin with a quarterly brief to WG/CD (Holloman AFB)
- Branch Planning for Drills, Crisis Action and Emergency Response (JBMDL)

### PSMIS BY MAJCOM

- AFDW - 100% - 2 PSMIs
- USFAA - 100% - 2 PSMIs
- ACC - 92% - 15 PSMIs
- AMC - 78% - 13 PSMIs
- AETC - 62% - 12 PSMIs
- AFGSC - 50% - 7 PSMIs
- AFMC - 43% - 5 PSMIs
- USSF - 17% - 3 PSMIs
- PACAF - 11% - 5 PSMIs
- AFSOC - 0%

A synergistic partnership is contingent on ensuring the SL is the linchpin between the command team, schools and all stakeholders

LEARN MORE >>

[DAFI 34-105 - Non DoD Schools on DAF Installations](#)



# COMMANDERS CORNER

## INSTALLATION COMMANDER DRIVEN PROGRAM

### Enhancing & Sustaining Education Partnerships Through Working Groups and Advisory Councils

Establishing working groups or councils between the military and K-12 education entities is crucial for driving meaningful change and fostering strong relationships in the communities we service. These collaborative bodies provide a structured platform for sharing insights and resources, aligning goals, and addressing common challenges, such as supporting military-connected students and integrating opportunities back into the community. By working together, the military and educators can create programs that benefit students, enhance understanding, and ensure that effectively support each other's missions, ultimately leading to stronger, more resilient communities.

- Develop programs for military families' unique needs
- Promote STEM education aligned with military skills
- Share resources and coordinate access
- Organize guest lectures and joint STEM projects
- Provide joint training on crisis management
- Integrate military mental health professionals into school support
- Strengthen partnerships among schools, command teams, and families to support student success and well-being.

Gaining/sustaining momentum also requires a more deliberate approach to communication, both internally to military families and externally to the community. The School Liaison Office should continue to be the focal point. [Click here](#) to explore additional case studies.

- Expanded Analysis
- Deepening Relationships
- Long-Term Planning
- Pursuing "Reach Goals"



## Are You Ready?

### MacDill Council for Education Excellence

**Dr. Venetia Waters, SLPM**

Chaired by Wing Commander, installation and district leadership signed the MacDill AFB Education Strategy, formalizing the council and establishing shared objectives. **The results?** Modifying the district's school choice policy to accommodate military-connected students better, extending application and acceptance to the International Baccalaureate program for transferring students, establishing an expedited review process for new students with Individual Education Programs, accepting gifted designation from other states to ensure continuity of education, and revising the grade point average policy to avoid penalizing military-connected students. This year, through this partnership and having intentional conversations while redistricting the attendance zone, AD members were exempt and allowed to stay in the current school to reduce transitional barriers. Driving Change!



### McConnell Military- Connected Educational Partnership Council

**Greg Martin, SLPM**

The Wing Commander at McConnell Air Force Base encountered the positive outcomes resulting from MacDill's working group and endeavored to establish a similar initiative upon arrival. The Partnership Council at McConnell aims to foster collaboration, enhance communication, strengthen partnerships, and collectively enhance the well-being of military-connected families.



## Crisis Response and Emergency Contingency Planning

Schools are vital havens of safety and education, yet they must also be prepared to protect students from various threats and hazards, including crime, violence, natural disasters, disease outbreaks, and accidents. Collaborating with local government and community partners is crucial in preparing for emergencies. The School Liaison

Program Manager is a key player in the crisis action plan, as proven in 2022 with Robb Elementary School in Uvalde and in 2018 Hurricane Michael response with Task Force HARP. When COVID shut down communities, school liaisons continued to work to provide input into HPCON changes, online education efforts and initiatives, back-to-school plans, and state recovery efforts. Command Teams and School Liaisons should prepare and have a working knowledge of expected roles and responsibilities in school crisis response plans.

- Know the number of military-connected students in each school
- Develop a comprehensive action plan, identify key personnel, and establish clear protocols for collaboration
- Maintain open communication channels between the SLPM and Command Team
- Practice and review the Crisis Action Plan (CAP) or Integrated Defense Plan (IDP) with your Public Schools on Military Installations (PSMI)
- Review and revise existing agreements with schools in the local community outside the base.
- Ensure active engagement of your School Liaison with all stakeholders, providing the necessary support to navigate crisis situations successfully.

**SLs should coordinate and integrate with schools serving military or federally connected students, aligning with Presidential Policy Directive (PPD-8) five mission areas: Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery.**

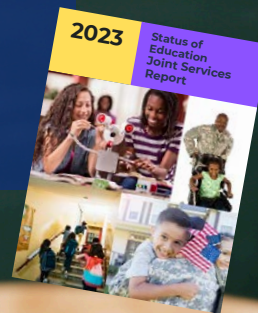


**“A lack of realism in the vision today costs credibility tomorrow.”**

**John C. Maxwell**

# Preparing for the 2024 Joint Service

## Status of PreK-12 Education Report



### Purpose

The Status of PreK-12 Education forum supports the requirement that the DoD established in DoDI 1342.29, Interstate Compact on Education for Military Children, and is the authority designating the Ex Officio and DoD State Representatives to State Councils.

### Reporting Process - OSD Mandated

- **Each Installation SLPM is responsible to:**
  - Collaborate and coordinate with local/state education stakeholders, and other installations in their state
  - Provide education challenges, trends, best practices, and legislation/policy for their installation to the following:
    - State or DoDEA Regional
    - HQ SLP Division
    - Installation Commanders
    - Local Education Stakeholders
- **Each DAF State Lead is responsible for:**
  - Requesting and collecting **state** education challenges, trends, best practices and legislation/policy
  - Prepare state slide and brief at SOE
  - Brief key stakeholders on the state status of education

### Dates to Remember

- 11 Sept** – Installation updates preliminary information to be sent to State Lead
- 18 Sept** – Completion of collaboration/consensus of state-specific slide
- 23 Sept** – Lead SL to submit their state slide to their corresponding HQ team

### State - DoDEA Report Out

- 1-2 Oct** – **CONUS** – 1100-1300 CST – Joint Services Status of Education Briefing
- 3 Oct** – **OCONUS** – Joint Services Status of Education Briefing
  - Europe 0700-0900 CST
  - Pacific 1900-2030 CST

### MIC3 Annual Business Meeting & Joint Service State Lead Training

**15-17 Oct** – Albuquerque, NM - State Lead attendance required

OSD and DAF SLP Division's line of effort: This month, we are excited to highlight the NEW series of SL videos! These videos are a Joint Service collaboration highlighting the school liaison program's portfolio and how we support our key stakeholders.



SLPMs should share these with all stakeholders and place on platforms for usage. Strategically sharing the message is critical to understanding the program responsibilities.

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### DoD School Liaison Program New Video Release

- How Our School Liaisons Support Military Leadership <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OPY6cGUX8cg>
- School Liaisons 101: An Introduction to School Liaisons [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J\\_mPAbLSdhw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J_mPAbLSdhw)
- What Is the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission, or MIC3? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9kFtvCWxolA>
- Youth Sponsorship Program: Helping Students Through Transitions <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N5Qj4HGb4yY>

Joint Service Collaboration supporting **Five & Thrive Quality of Life Resource Showcase** at National Defense University.

**HQ Navy SL**, Horace Franklin; **HQ Marine SL**, Kristen Acquah; **JBAB SL** Alonso Hay



*Student Focused... Partnership Driven*

# The Empowered School Liaison

Where They Are... We Are



## Ramstein

Jessica Comfort and Lisa Hill



The 86th Air Lift Wing recently hosted its inaugural **DoDEA Day**, a significant event aimed at familiarizing DoDEA teachers with the mission of Ramstein Air Base as the 2024-2025 school year kicks off. The School Liaison collaborated with key stakeholders, including MXG, CAG, Host Nation representatives, Public Affairs, VRS, Marketing, Group Commanders, and leadership from the 86th Air Lift Wing, to bring this concept to fruition. The event drew participation from 60 educators from DoDEA, featuring notable attendees such as Dr. Howard-Brahaney, Dir. for Student Success, and the newly appointed DoDEA Central Superintendent, Dr. D'Angelo.

## USAFA

Megan Garland-Evelo

Fox 21 News feature, Help On The Home Front: School Liaison Program at U.S. Air Force Academy, featured Loving Living Local Host Nova chatting with Megan Garland-Evelo, School Liaison, to discuss her role and what it involves within the military community.



## Yokota AB Student Ambassador Bootcamp Josh Fly

In addition to facilitating school tours, student ambassadors play a vital role in aiding fellow students who are transitioning to or from a new duty station. This program at Yokota offers students the chance to acquire the essential leadership and communication skills required for the role of a student ambassador.



## Team Mississippi Joint Service SL Effort



Mississippi governor signs House Bill 1341, which allows for the children of active duty military members to enroll into any school of their choice.



## Vandenberg SFB Crystal Adams

Vandenberg SFB and SLPM hosted the superintendent, school board, school psychologist support team, and 38 principals from Orcutt USD. They had the opportunity to visit SpaceX and gain more understanding about the mission of Vandenberg and supporting military families.

#askushow



## Patrick SFB Susan Clark

More than 75 middle school and high school students attended the first-ever **Fly Like a Girl** event to celebrate women in all military professions with an emphasis in aviation at Patrick SFB.

#partnershipsdrieveresults



## Fairchild AFB Steve McMullen

Department of Defense leaders, U.S. Reps. Cathy McMorris-Rodgers and Sanford Bishop Jr. co-hosted a **Military Family Caucus Summit** on Fairchild AFB. Alongside representatives from 3 public school districts, the SLPM participated in a panel discussion on education.

#notwithoutus

2024 DAF  
School Liaison  
Professional  
Development  
Week



# FROM FOUNDATION TO IMPACT

## STRENGTHENING THE FOUNDATION FOR EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES



9-13 DEC 2024  
SAN ANTONIO, TX

At the heart of every thriving community lies a robust educational framework where school liaisons play a pivotal role in bridging gaps, fostering collaboration, and championing the needs of students and families. Our professional development week, "From Foundation to Impact," envisions a hands-on, transformative journey that empowers school liaisons to enhance their foundational skills, leverage local resources/networks, and drive meaningful community impact.



## ORDERS AND FUNDING



ARE YOU  
READY?

- ✓ DoD travelers are required to use **Defense Travel System (DTS)** for this TDY, ensure you have an account to perform official travel for DoD
- ✓ **DoD Government Travel Cards (GTC)** are issued to personnel for use during official travel, please work with your supervisor if you do not have a GTC for travel
- ✓ Data in **Records Management System** must be up to date
- ✓ **Pre-Work** must be accomplished before travel



## LAYING THE FOUNDATION

### Required Prework

- Official Bio (March 2024 Template)
- Installation SLP BBP
- FY 25-27 Working Budget
- Installation SLP SWOT
- Installation Commander Priorities

### Portfolio marketing needed:

- Installation Specific Marketing
- Business Cards
- Name Tag

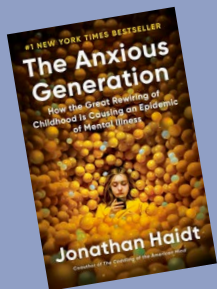


More information will be provided for orders, traveling and planning purposes at a later date



## School Liaison Resources

### LEADERSHIP BOOK RECOMMENDATION



In "The Anxious Generation: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood Is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness", social psychologist Jonathan Haidt presents a comprehensive analysis of the surge in adolescent mental health issues affecting numerous countries.

### WHAT-A-WEBSITE!



The "I Love U Guys" Foundation's crisis response and reunification programs are employed globally in over 50,000 schools and organizations. They are developed based on research and input from school administrators, psychologists, safety experts, families, and first responders.

<https://iloveguys.org>



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THIS  
MONTH



Public Schools on Military Installations

### INSPECTION TRENDS

- **A.1.h.4** SLP Marketing and Promotion
- **A.5.b.2** MIC3 Transition Challenges
- **A.5.b.3** State Status of Education Report
- **B.1.b.6.** Statement of Admission
- **A.3.I.2** Annual Training



Stay Informed, Stay Connected



# Insider Scoop

## Special Education Connection



The Government Accountability Office (GAO) recently released a new study that reviewed obstacles to providing special education and resources distributed across states and school districts. They site that personnel shortages were a key obstacle to educating students with disabilities. Other obstacles cited by officials in most districts were insufficient time for professional development, challenges communicating with parents, and inadequate collaboration between general and special education staff. The snowball effect of these obstacles may result in some students not receiving needed education and services. SLPs can have a real and lasting impact on one of those areas, “challenges communicating with parents.” Learn more about the IEP process, what the timelines are for compliance, and what rights the parents have in having facilitators, mediators, or attorneys present for IEP meetings, then set up regular outreach opportunities with your local PTI or “Watch and Learn” parties with [DirectStep](#) or [Military OneSource Guides](#), [MilLife Learning courses](#) or Erin Chae, Special Education Specialist.

**[Special Education: Education Needs School- and District-Level Data to Fully Assess Resources Available to Students with Disabilities | U.S. GAO](#)**

## Home Education

<https://hsllda.org/legal>

The Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA) provides a comprehensive resource on homeschool laws and policies. HSLDA is a nonprofit organization that advocates for homeschooling.

The HSLDA website provides detailed information on homeschooling laws for each U.S. state and territory.

## Records Management System

 The Installation Details pane contains required fields that must be completed

- Installation Commander Name (Required)
  - Date of Immersion Brief Conducted
- Group/Garrison Commander Name
  - Date of Immersion Brief Conducted



### WEBINAR

**SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL MEDICAL OR EDUCATIONAL NEEDS**

[mic3.net](http://mic3.net)

## Military & Family Life Counselors

- **Child Development Center CYB-MFLCs** are located at CDCs, where they support children, their families and staff.
- **General CYB-MFLCs** are available on and off the installation to support the needs of children and families within the community.
- **School CYB-MFLCs** are based at DoDEA schools and local education agencies of all levels on and off the installation during the school year.
- **Youth Center CYB-MFLCs** are assigned to installation-based youth and teen centers.
- **HealthySteps Specialists** are located at military treatment facility pediatric clinics.



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**School Liaison Program Managers** are the primary OPR for all PreK-12 engagements, challenges, concerns, education programming components to include Special Education, state-level/host-nation representation, and education community partnerships; responsible for Public Schools on Military Installations coordination to include DoDEA Schools and CYB Military & Family Life Counseling Program.

### Additional Duties Based on Community

*MIC3 State Lead, DoD STARBASE POC, DAF STEM POC, School Based Transition Program Oversight, Non-DoD Schools and International AD Student Programs.*

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