



History of Month of the Military Child

April is designated as the Month of the Military Child, underscoring the important role military children play in the armed forces community. It is a time to applaud military families and their children for the daily sacrifices they make and the challenge they overcome.

The Month of the Military Child is sponsored by the Department of Defense Military Community and Family Policy. It is part of the legacy left by former Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger, which he established in 1986.

“Purple Up! For Military Kids” is just one way to honor military children. Wearing purple is a visible way to show support and thank military youth for their strength and sacrifices. Purple indicates that all branches of the military are supported: **Air Force blue**, **Army green**, **Navy blue**, **Marine red**, and **Coast Guard blue** all thought to combine together as a single color, **purple**.



Ideas for Celebrating MOMC

- Identify one day each week in April to highlight MOMC on social media
 - Monday – Memory Monday – Share stories of military children/families
 - Tuesday – Together Tuesday – Share a special message to military children/families
 - Wednesday – Wisdom Wednesday - Share a quote (don't forget your purple background)
 - Thursday – Show and Tell Thursday – Take a picture of a purple object and post it.
 - Friday – Purple Up! – Post a picture of you or someone else wearing purple.
- Decorate your office or armory with purple. Everyone wears purple!
- Change your Facebook profile using a MOMC frame.



PURPLE UP DAY!
April 17th

Don't forget to use these hashtags for your Month of the Military Child events:

#ORPURPLEUP

#MOMC

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