

Tennessee MIC3 2023 Annual Report

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Tennessee Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (TN-MIC3) State Council Members

1. **Deanna McLaughlin, MIC3 Tennessee Commissioner & State Council Chairman**, City Councilman, Clarksville, Tennessee
2. **James Bo Griffin, MIC3 State Council Vice-Chairman**, Director of Schools, Millington Municipal Schools, Millington, Tennessee
3. **Nathan James, MIC3 State Council Secretary**, Deputy Executive Director for Legislative and External Affairs, Tennessee State Board of Education, Nashville, Tennessee
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7. **Dr. John Combs**, Superintendent, Tipton County Schools, Covington, Tennessee
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9. **Michaela Gregory**, Tennessee Lead Child & Youth Program Coordinator, Tennessee Army National Guard, Nashville, Tennessee
10. **Christy Carroll Highfill**, Tennessee PTA State and Federal Legislative Chair, Tennessee Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

11. **Dr. Ted Horrell**, Superintendent, Lakeland School System, Lakeland, Tennessee
12. **COL Andrew Jordan**, Garrison Commander, Fort Campbell, Kentucky
13. **Jean Luna-Vedder**, Director of Schools, Clarksville-Montgomery County
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17. **Mark Reeves**, Executive Director, Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association, Nashville, Tennessee
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* New Council Member since 2022 Annual Report

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2022/2023 Accomplishments/Information

- Tennessee Commissioner was appointed to serve her fourth term as Tennessee's representative to the Military Interstate Children's Compact
- Tennessee Commissioner is a new member of the National MIC3 Finance Committee
- Tennessee Purple Star School Award Celebrated our Fourth Year
- Resolved 100% of the **Compact-related** cases that were brought to our attention for the school year 2022/2023 and provided recommendations for where people could seek solutions for non-compact-related issues.
- Sent Compact Information email to all members of the Tennessee Directors of Schools and Superintendents in July 2022 to remind them of the protections of the Compact for Military Children in advance of the new school year
- Sent Tennessee Purple Star School Award email to all members of the Tennessee Directors of Schools and Superintendents in September 2022 to make them aware of the 2023 application process and deadlines
- Sent Month of the Military Child emails to Tennessee Directors of Schools and Superintendents, government and elected officials, and military service organizations with information about MOMC and how they could show their support for Tennessee's Military Kids
- During Fort Campbell's tragic Blackhawk helicopter training tragedy that killed nine soldiers, put Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) Military Liaison COL Davina French (Ret) in touch with 101 Combat Aviation Brigade Commander to offer assistance to the families of the fallen
- Added State Council Member from the Tennessee Blue Star Families organization
- Added State Council Member who is the Director of Schools for Stewart County Schools
- Worked to get legislation passed that provides
- Establishing new relationships with staff of Shelby County Schools

Tennessee MIC3 Dues Paid to National MIC3

FISCAL YEAR	ARMY	NAVY	MARINES	AIR FORCE	COAST GUARD	TOTAL	ANNUAL DUES	USPHS	NOAA
FY2020	8,822	1,723	246	588	164	11,568	\$13,303	25	0
FY2021	8,516	1,743	262	618	166	11,305	\$13,001	N/A	N/A
FY2022	8,416	1,811	231	603	144	11,220	\$12,903	15	0
FY2023	8,818	1,859	270	607	144	11,713	\$13,469	15	0

Impact Aid Grant System Dollars Paid to Tennessee Schools

Amount Paid by Tennessee School System

LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY	2021	2022	2023
Arlington Community Schools	\$24,499.00	\$25,497.00	\$9,551.00
Clarksville Montgomery County Board of Education	\$88,5324.00	\$92,436.00	\$52,4630.00
Etowah City Schools	\$3,518.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fayetteville City Schools	\$2,053.00	\$2,147.00	\$1,216.00
Hamilton County Department of Education	\$17,043.00	\$17,829.00	\$10,088.00
Lakeland School System	\$10,108.00	\$10,233.00	\$5,735.00
McKenzie Special School District	\$2,177.00	\$2,275.00	\$1,040.00
Metro Nashville Public Schools	\$23,842.00	\$21,873.00	\$0.00
Millington Municipal Schools	\$38,150.00	\$81307.00	\$36,028.0

Oak Ridge Schools	\$52,484.00	\$33,853.00	\$0.00
Union City Schools	\$2,717.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

★ This report is based on the ED Impact Aid Grant System report. <https://impactaid.ed.gov/>

Tennessee Military-Connected Stats

LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY	DISTRICT ENROLLMENT	TOTAL MILITARY STUDENTS	PERCENT MILITARY STUDENTS
Arlington Community Schools	4,687	347	7.40
Clarksville Montgomery County Board of Education	36,566	5,594	15.30
Fayetteville City Schools	1,413	6	0.42
Hamilton County Department of Education	44,165	18	0.04
Lakeland School System	1,824	121	6.63
Millington Municipal Schools	2,483	174	7.00
Oak Ridge Schools	4,390	66	1.50
Stewart County Board of Education	1,908	39	2.00
This report is based on the ED Impact Aid System Military Membership report.	Total	6,205	

Number of Military Children by Tennessee School System

LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY	DISTRICT ENROLLMENT	TOTAL MILITARY STUDENTS	PERCENT MILITARY STUDENTS
Arlington Community Schools	4,687	347	7.40
Clarksville Montgomery County Schools	36,566	5,594	15.30
Clinton City Schools	933	5	0.54
Fayetteville City Schools	1,413	6	0.42

Hamilton Co. Dept. of Education	44,165	18	0.04
Lakeland School System	1,824	121	6.63
Millington Municipal Schools	2,526	121	4.79
Oak Ridge Schools	4,461	74	1.66
Stewart Co. Board of Education	2,048	53	2.59
This data is based on the ED IMPact Aid System Military Membership Report	TOTAL	6,339	

Tennessee Military-Connected Children Stats

Number of Military Children by Service Branch

Service Branch	TOTAL MILITARY STUDENTS
Air Force	560
Army	8,203
Coast Guard	119
Marine Corps	203
Navy	1,691
Space Force	8
All Active Duty Children	10,784
All Tennessee Guard & Reserve Children	14,670

★ Data is from the DMDC database, current as of January 2022

National Guard & Reserve Compact Related Legislation

- ★ During our 2022 State Council Meeting, the Tennessee MIC3 State Council voted unanimously to include **ALL** Guard and Reserve Children under the protections of the Compact as a stand-alone piece of legislation (outside of the original Compact TCA 49-12-301 legislation) *WITHOUT A DUES NATIONAL MIC3 DUES INCREASE*
- ★ TN-MIC3 Commission Deanna McLaughlin worked with Nathan James, Director of Legislative Affairs, Tennessee State Board of Education to develop Tennessee Bill language
- ★ Nathan James obtained Montgomery County, Tennessee Senator Bill Powers and Anderson County, Tennessee Representative John Ragan as sponsors for the Bill



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 257

SENATE BILL NO. 317

By Powers, Lowe

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1416

By Ragan, Raper, Fritts, Butler, Todd

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to military children.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

This state, and each school district and public school of this state, shall remove barriers to educational success imposed on children of military families because of frequent moves of their parents by extending the benefits and opportunities provided to children of active duty members of the uniformed services in the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, codified in § 49-12-301, to school-aged children in the household of a member of any reserve component of the armed forces of the United States, including members of the Tennessee army and air national guard, who are enrolled in any of the grades kindergarten through twelve (K-12).

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

SENATE BILL NO. 317

PASSED: April 17, 2023


RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 28th day of April 2023


BILL LEE, GOVERNOR

SB0317 (Sen. Powers)/HB1416 (Rep. Ragan) - Education

Education - As introduced, extends the benefits and opportunities provided to children of active duty members of the uniformed services in the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children to school-aged children in the household of a member of any reserve component of the armed forces of the United States, including members of the Tennessee army and air national guard who are enrolled in any of the grades kindergarten through 12. - Amends TCA Title 49.

TCA 49-6-3 WAS SIGNED BY GOVERNOR BILL LEE ON APRIL 28, 2023

Annual Tennessee State Council Meeting

Monday, March 27, 2023

4:00 PM Central Time *Via Conference Call/Webinar

1. Welcome – Deanna McLaughlin
2. Call the Meeting to Order – Deanna McLaughlin
3. Roll Call/Verify Quorum – Nathan James
4. Vote to authorize a recording of the meeting to serve as the minutes - Nathan James
5. Introduction of New State Council Members - Deanna McLaughlin
 - a. Jean Luna-Vedder, Director of Schools, Clarksville-Montgomery County Schools
6. Introduction of School Liaison Officers – Deanna McLaughlin
 - a. Jennifer Lundy, NSA Midsouth
 - b. Laquevia Garrett, Fort Campbell, Kentucky
 - c. Karen Watkins-Diouf, Fort Campbell, Kentucky
7. Purpose – Deanna McLaughlin
8. Election of State Council Officers – Deanna McLaughlin
 - a. Current State Council Chairman - Deanna McLaughlin
 - b. Current State Council Vice Chairman - Vacant
 - c. Current State Council Secretary - Nathan James
9. Purple Star Schools Award Update – Deb Munis
 - a. Vote to Approve 2023 Applications
 - b. Reapplying Applicant Schools
 - c. First-Time Applicant Schools
10. MIC3 Tennessee Training Update – Deb Munis
11. Review of 2022/2023 Tennessee Hot Issues – Deanna McLaughlin
12. Tennessee Military-Connected Children Stats – Deanna McLaughlin
13. National Guard and Reserve Legislation – Deanna McLaughlin
14. MIC3 Resources – Deanna McLaughlin
15. Important Links – Deanna McLaughlin
16. MOMC – Deanna McLaughlin
17. Public Comments - Deanna McLaughlin
18. Open Discussion - Deanna McLaughlin
19. Adjourn - Deanna McLaughlin

<https://www.tn.gov/content/tn/sbe/meetings/meetings-calendar/2023/3/27/march-27--2023-mic3-annual-tennessee-state-council-webex-meeting.html>



Tennessee Purple Star School Award 2023

Established in 2019, the Tennessee Purple Star Schools Award Program currently has 38 Purple Star Schools.

The Tennessee Purple Star School Award (PSSA) is provided to military-friendly schools that display a significant commitment to serving military-connected families and students. In order for a school to be honored with the Tennessee Purple Star School Award, the school must complete all of

the Required School Activities and one Optional School Activity. All schools that earn the Purple Star School Award maintain the status for two years.

MIC3 Tennessee FMEL Deb Munis, MIC3 Tennessee State Council Secretary Nathan James, and Tennessee MIC3 Commissioner Deanna McLaughlin crisscrossed the state to present much-deserved Purple Star School Awards (PSSA) to the 28 winning schools.

Tennessee PSSA is helping to educate educators and families about the Compact.

2023 Award Class (28 Schools)

Renewing Applicant Schools

- ★ Glenellen Elementary School, Clarksville, Tennessee
- ★ Hazelwood Elementary School, Clarksville, Tennessee
- ★ Kenwood Middle School, Clarksville, Tennessee
- ★ Lakeland Elementary School, Lakeland, Tennessee
- ★ Lakeland Preparatory School, Lakeland, Tennessee
- ★ Millington Middle/High School, Millington, Tennessee
- ★ Oakland Elementary School, Clarksville, Tennessee
- ★ West Creek Elementary School, Clarksville, Tennessee
- ★ West Creek High School, Clarksville, Tennessee
- ★ West Creek Middle School, Clarksville, Tennessee
- ★ Woodlawn Elementary School, Clarksville, Tennessee

First-Time Applicant Schools

- ★ Arlington Elementary School, Arlington, Tennessee
- ★ Arlington Middle School, Arlington, Tennessee
- ★ Arlington High School, Arlington, Tennessee
- ★ Carpenter Middle School, Maryville, Tennessee
- ★ Cumberland County High School, Crossville, Tennessee
- ★ Donelson Elementary School, Arlington, Tennessee
- ★ Dover Elementary School, Dover, Tennessee

- ★ Ellen Myers Primary School, Harrogate, Tennessee
- ★ Kirkwood Middle School, Clarksville, Tennessee
- ★ North Stewart Elementary School, Big Rock, Tennessee
- ★ Pisgah Elementary School, Clarksville, Tennessee
- ★ Robert E. Lee Elementary School, Tullahoma, Tennessee
- ★ Sango Elementary School, Clarksville, Tennessee
- ★ Stone Memorial High School, Crossville, Tennessee
- ★ Stewart County High School, Dover, Tennessee
- ★ Stewart County Middle, Dover, Tennessee
- ★ White County High School, Sparta, Tennessee

Blount Co. middle school honored for fighting for those who fight for us (WVLT * News Channel Story)

[Carpenters Middle School in Blount County received Tennessee Purple Star School Award](#)



Millington Central High School PSSA Award Ceremony



Clarksville-Montgomery County Schools PSSA Award Ceremony



Stewart County Schools PSSA Award Ceremony



Cumberland County High School Schools PSSA Award Ceremony



White County High School Schools PSSA Award Ceremony



Robert E Lee Elementary School PSSA Award Ceremony



Ellen Myers Primary School PSSA Award Ceremony



Arlington Community Schools PSSA Award Ceremony



Lakeland Schools PSSA Award Ceremony

April, Month of the Military Child Presentations/Proclamations/Activities



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, thousands of brave Tennesseans have demonstrated their courage and commitment to freedom by serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, both on active duty and in the Tennessee National Guard and Reserves; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee has committed to be an active participant in the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, which is designed to support military children when they transition from school system to school system across state lines; and

WHEREAS, children and youth of our service members are major contributors to the fabric of strength for their parents serving in the armed forces; and

WHEREAS, children and youth of our service members continue to make significant contributions to family, schools, communities, our state, and the nation, despite prolonged and repeat absences of one or both parents; and

WHEREAS, these children are a source of pride and honor to us all, and it is only fitting that we take the time to recognize their contributions, celebrate their spirit, and let our men and women in uniform know that while they are taking care of us, we are taking care of their children; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Defense Education Activity, the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission, and other military family support organizations are encouraging the recognition of the important role of military children while their servicemember parents serve our country through special events and wearing the color purple;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim April 14, 2023 as "Purple Up! For Military Kids Day" and the month of April 2023 as the

Month of the Military Child

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this third day of April, 2023.

Bill Lee

Governor

Joe Dargatzis

Secretary of State

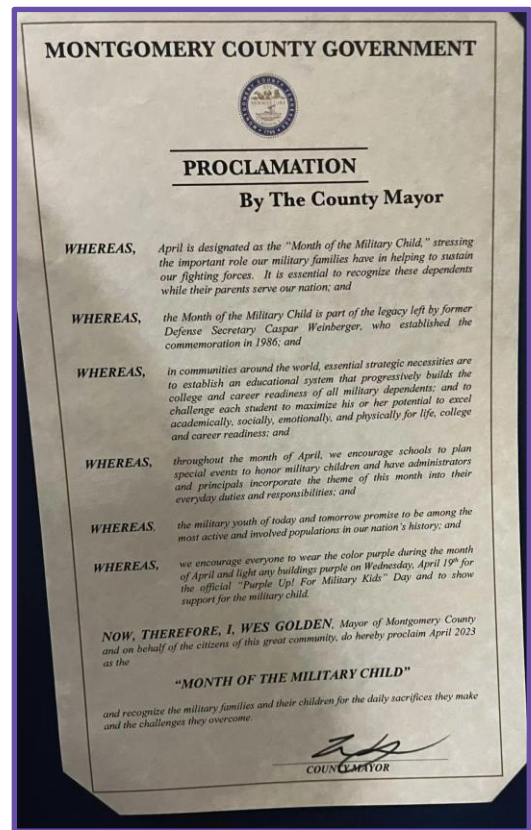


Members of the Tennessee State Senate Purple Up! During their Legislative Session
 (Pictured are Tennessee Senators Lowe, Gardenhire, Taylor, Walley, Powers, White, Stevens, Yager, and Hensley)

Senator Bill Powers also spoke on the Senate floor about the Month of the Military Child



Montgomery County, Tennessee Proclamation
 Fort Campbell Garrison Commander Andrew Jordan, Mrs. Jordan, MWR's Mark Ryales, and School Liaison Officers Laquvia Garrett, and Karen Watkins-Diouf attended the Montgomery County, Tennessee Commission Meeting to receive a Month of the Military Child Proclamation from County Mayor Wes Golden.





Montgomery County Mayor, Wes Golden and his staff on MoCo (Montgomery County, Tennessee) employees show their love to our military kids on Purple Up Day!💜



City of Clarksville, TN Government Mayor Joe Pitts, and his employees celebrated #MonthoftheMilitaryChild by sponsoring a special dress-up week for city employees! sports jersey day, patriotic day, hat day, #purpleupformilitarykids day! #tennesseelovesmilitarykids #tnmic3 #purpleup4militarykids #clarksvilletn #momc #MIC3Compact

PATRIOTIC DAY: In the Executive Session on Thursday afternoon, April 27, the Clarksville City Council observed Patriotic Day, the fourth of five consecutive daily observances in the Month of the Military Child Spirit Week. It was a day for wearing red, white, and blue to honor the children of parents serving in the U.S. Armed Forces and the sacrifices they, too, make in service to our nation.



City of Clarksville, Tennessee Proclamation

Fort Campbell School Liaison Officer Karen Watkins-Diouf, MWR's Mark Ryales, Fort Campbell School Liaison Officer Laquvia Garrett, Garrison CSM Chad Stackpole, Leaders, and students from Fort Campbell Teen Center, attended the City of Clarksville, Tennessee City Council Meeting to receive a Month of the Military Child Proclamation from Clarksville Mayor Joe Pitts.



Clarksville-Montgomery County School System

Purple Up Day in support of our military-connected students! 💜

All month long, schools have celebrated our military families in different ways.

- Military units brought static displays to Pisgah Elementary School and West Creek Middle School.
- Kenwood Elementary hosted a luncheon for their military families, while Rossvie High Hawks had donuts and gifts from the Gary Sinise Foundation.
- Kenwood Middle School took a group of students to the Don F. Pratt Military Museum to learn more about the history of our Fort Campbell soldiers.
- Faculty and staff have been showing off their purple shirts - check out the team at Rossvie Middle School.



Tennessee National Guard Child and Youth Program

Happy PURPLE UP Day to ALL Military Dependents! We see you and recognize you! Thank you to each and every one of you for the service and sacrifice you make, because Military Kids Serve Too!



Arlington Community Schools

ACS went Purple Up! for the Month of the Military Child! Purple Up! Day recognizes some of the military's most unsung heroes - their children. All throughout ACS today, people were decked out in purple to show their support and thank military children for their strength and sacrifices. #ACSproud



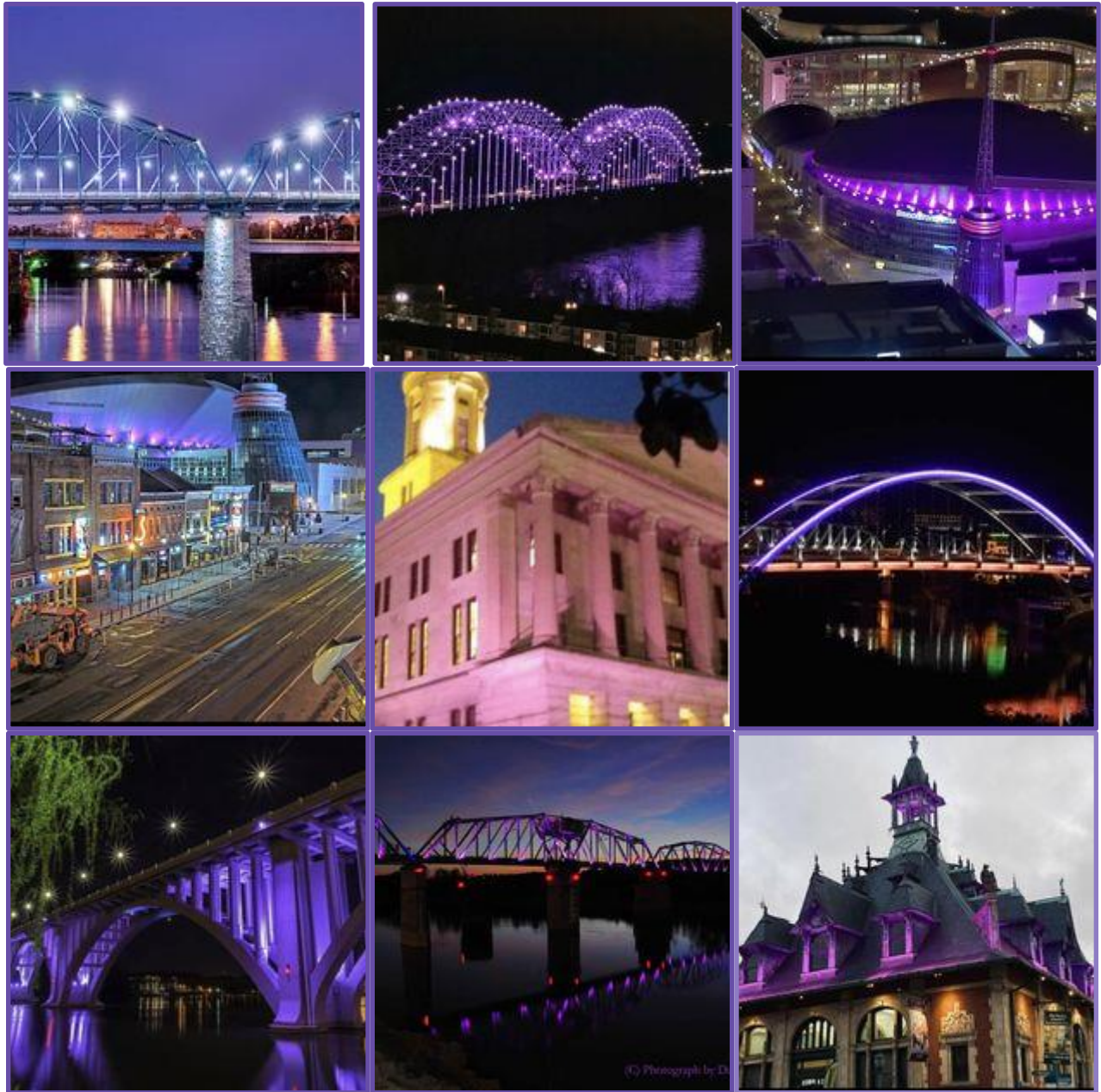
Ellen Myers Primary School MOMC Purple Up Day



Collierville High School MOMC Purple Up Day



Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic, Clarksville, Tennessee



Bridges and Buildings in Tennessee's Five Largest Cities Purpled Up For Military Kids

(Chattanooga's Walnut Street Bridge, Memphis's Hernando DeSoto Bridge, Nashville's Bridgestone Arena, Nashville's War Memorial Building, Nashville's Korean War Memorial Bridge, Knoxville's Henley Bridge, Clarksville-Montgomery County's RJ Corman Bridge, Clarksville's Customs House Museum & Cultural Center)

Customs House Museum & Cultural Center

The First Ever Military Kid Art Show with the USO and the Customs House Museum & Cultural Center in Clarksville Tennessee! Over **130 pieces of art were exhibited** and we got to see lots of happy military kiddos see their art hanging in a museum!



2023 Tennessee MIC3 Annual Report Submitted to MIC3 National Staff and Leadership by Deanna McLaughlin, Tennessee Commissioner, Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) on June 27, 2023.

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