

## APRIL 2019 • MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD Proclamation of the Commanding General of Installation Management Command

For the last 33 years, the Department of Defense has recognized military children during the month of April. Because of their service, commitment and sacrifice to supporting the Army's mission, it is important to honor and celebrate our military's youngest heroes.

Month of the Military Child is an opportunity to remember children's roles in strengthening the military Family. This year's theme is "Military Kids Can!". The theme recognizes that through strength and resilience, these young heroes can do anything they set their minds to.

Living in different states countries and continents, military children face unique challenges that most youth their age do not experience. They are equipped to adapt to present and future changes, such as permanent changes of station, deployments, reintegration, care of their Wounded Warrior parent or coping with the loss of a Fallen parent. Through each new step in life, they always remain ready and resilient.

The Army is thankful for the positivity and enthusiasm of military children as we keep moving forward. We are committed to maintaining excellence in schools, youth services and childcare to ensure that Families always receive the best programming – no matter where their next adventure takes them.

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