

# Viper Military News



## MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

April is dedicated as Month of the Military Child. Service members of our department of defense (DOD) often make sacrifices that impact their loved ones. Most military families have moved at least once with upward of a possible ten to twelve PCS moves throughout a military career. That is ten to twelve schools, ten to twelve packing and unpacking of personal items, ten to twelve groups of friends around the world. Sometimes, families can be separated while the military member carries out their contract on the other side of the world unaccompanied. There are also the dreaded deployments. The military family goes through so much and the children of the military families must adjust to certain situation that they have been dealt.

The Month of the Military Child began in 1986 when Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger wanted to honor the sacrifices military children in all areas of the world cope with during the difficult deployment of one or both parents to war zones.

Military dependent children are often call "military brat." This term refers to the military family that moves constantly from base to base, overseas and stateside and the children experiencing a continuous series of short-term homes, schools, and jobs. One positive for the military child is all the experiences they will have had all over the world. Some stationed in different countries and allowing them the firsthand knowledge of different customs and traditions around the world that most students only get to read about in books.



# FT. BLISS MWR HAPPENINGS

Click on the link below to access all the details for this month's events:

<https://bliss.armymwr.com/>

## **Apr 15, 2021, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm (Mom & Dad Special)**

Get in on the FUN! Enjoy buy one game, get one free game on select Thursdays in April at Desert Strike Lanes!

## **Apr 16, 2021, 10:00 am - 11:00 am (Back to the Basics)**

Give us 1 hour a week on Friday morning and we will give you:

- Stronger Relationships
- Skills to Navigated Military life
- Self-Confidence to Handle Issues That May Arise
- Skills to Enhance Resume and Career Building

Military Acronyms and Terms

## **Apr 17, 2021, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm (MCCASA Drive-Thru Event)**

Join the Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program for the 17th Annual Month of the Military Child, Child Abuse and Sexual Assault (MCCASA) Drive-Thru Event! This year's theme is #allintoendchildabuse. This event will take place on Saturday, April 17th, from 10am-12pm at the ACS Parking Lot, 2494 Ricker Road. Participants are asked to enter the parking lot from Ricker Rd.

Free ACS Information Bags will be handed out with community information for parents and toys for the kids! The event will be kicked off on the Fort Bliss Family Advocacy Program Facebook Page (@acsfap).

For more information, please call 915-568-9129.

## **Apr 23, 2021, 7:00 am (Survival of the Fittest)**

Join [Fort Bliss Fitness](#) and Diamond Ott from Diamond Cut Fitness for the first fitness event of the year!

Test your limits in this relay style event for trap bar deadlift, farmer's carry, medicine ball toss, hand release push-up, burpees and 1-mile ruck.

This event is happening at *Stout PFC turf field*.

First & second place will receive plaques. All participants will receive medals.

If your team successfully completes every event, there is a \$10 board placement fee to be featured on the Thunder Dome Competition Boards at participating gyms at Fort Bliss.



April Calendar of Events	
Date	Event
01-02	Spring Holiday (Weather Make-up Days)
05	Gold Star Spouses Day
06	4 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE WRITING STAAR PAPER BASE AT VISTA
14	Air Force Reserve Birthday
23	Army Reserve Birthday
30	End of 5 <sup>th</sup> six weeks

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