



Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission

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Military Family Education Liaison selected by Hawaii State Council for Military Compact

The Hawaii State Council on the *Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children* (ICEOMC) approved Air Force School Liaison Officer, Darren Dean as the Military Family Education Liaison (MFEL) on June 28.

The Interstate Compact was created to address the school challenges military students encounter due to frequent relocations in service to our country. The legislation attempts to streamline standards for military children and deals with the transfer of records, course placement, graduation requirements, redundant or missed testing, entrance-age variations and other transition issues. Hawaii joined the compact in June 2009.

Dean's career spans 20 years and includes teaching for the Department of Defense high schools in Panama and Germany; working with the Army Child and Youth Services in Alaska; being the Air Force School Liaison Officer (SLO) in Korea; and, for the past 5 years, serving as the SLO for Hickam Air Force Base in Hawaii. As the Air Force SLO, he is the subject matter expert to Air Force leadership on education and Hawaii schools.

"Being selected as the liaison on the compact is an honor," said Dean, "I want to help continue the partnership between the military and schools in mutual support of education and children."

Dean was a member of the Task Force led by Senator Norman Sakamoto (D-15th District) that examined the compact prior to Hawaii's membership. Dean holds a bachelor's degree in science from the University of Central Florida. He is also a recipient of numerous professional awards, and in 2009 received the Outstanding Military award for the Joint Venture Education Forum in Hawaii.

The Council also selected Mrs. Allison Stanton as the alternate MFEL to assist the Council team. Mrs. Stanton is a military spouse who has work experience in education, communications and administration and has received numerous awards for service in support of Army families. Over the last 16 years, she and her family have lived in four states and two foreign countries; two children currently attend Hawaii public schools.

Dean and Stanton will work with Hawaii Department of Education Military Liaison Cherise Imai under Hawaii Commissioner Brigadier General (Retired) Kathleen Berg to implement the compact in Hawaii. Berg is Vice-Chair of the Compact's National Commission.

Hawaii is one of 35 member states that have signed onto the compact to date.

Learn more about the compact at the following sites:

National website

http://www.csg.org/programs/policyprograms/NCIC/interstatecommission_militarychildren.aspx

Hawaii website:

<http://militaryfamily.k12.hi.us/seminar/interstatecompact/index.htm>

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