FACT SHEET

The President's Military Spouse Commission Advances Employment, Childcare, and Family-Support Solutions

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LISTENING DIRECTLY TO MILITARY SPOUSES: Since the Commission's last meeting, members have traveled and met one-on-one with military spouses — bringing their concerns, and the President's attention to them, back to the Commission, along with the best practices of each Service branch. With each best practice, the commission is looking at ways to expand them across the Services.

EXPANDING SPOUSE EMPLOYMENT: Military spouses share significant concerns about employment, especially around PCS moves, so the Commission has looked across the Services for what is currently working.

- **The Air Force's Global Military Spouse Connection** identifies spouses before a PCS move and brokers introductions to hiring managers at the gaining installation — driving confirmed spouse placements up 60 percent in the past three weeks.
- **The Army's DAVRAP** lets spouses who are permanent or career Army civilian employees non-competitively reassign into vacant positions during a PCS move — with more than 11,000 candidates and 12,000 hiring managers already participating.
- **SpouseWorks** is the one-stop shop for spouse careers — offering one-on-one coaching, a job board with more than 1,000 military-spouse-friendly employers, a scholarship of up to $4,000, and paid 12-week fellowships.

STRENGTHENING DEPLOYMENT-RELATED SUPPORT: Communication between spouses and unit leadership strengthens family readiness — but the Services struggle to collect spouse contact information because of privacy concerns and because sharing it is not mandatory.

- **The Air Force's Commander's Key Support Program** allows commander-appointed volunteer liaisons to connect families to resources across deployments, moves, and emergencies — supported by direct, but limited, system access through the Personal Accountability and Assessment System (PAAS).

EXPANDING ACCESS TO CHILDCARE: The demands of military life — frequent moves, non-standard hours, and deployments — clash with the civilian childcare market, and needs vary across the Services.

- **MCCYN expansion:** The Department of War extended MCCYN fee assistance to faith-based providers, giving families in five of the country's highest-demand locations more off-base childcare options.
- **The Navy's $847 million Child and Youth Programs investment** is building over 900 new childcare spaces through construction and creative conversions — like turning a former chapel and community center at Kitsap into care for 154 more children.

GIVING PARENTS ACCESS TO TEENS' MEDICAL RECORDS: Starting in November, teens ages 13 to 17 can opt in to give their parents access to their MHS GENESIS digital medical records — unless state law says otherwise.

CUTTING COMMUTING COSTS FOR MILITARY FAMILIES: A MacDill family commuting across Tampa pays roughly $1,500 a year in tolls. The Commission is negotiating with the State of Florida and private companies to cut those costs out entirely — and is seeking similar partnerships in other states.

ADVISING THE PRESIDENT: The President has charged the members of this Commission to advise him on issues of utmost importance to military spouses and families. If you have suggestions or best practices, please write directly to the Commission at **www.whitehouse.gov/military-spouse-commission** — or, if you have limited contact information, send a letter to the Commission in care of:

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