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## FOR MILITARY KIDS

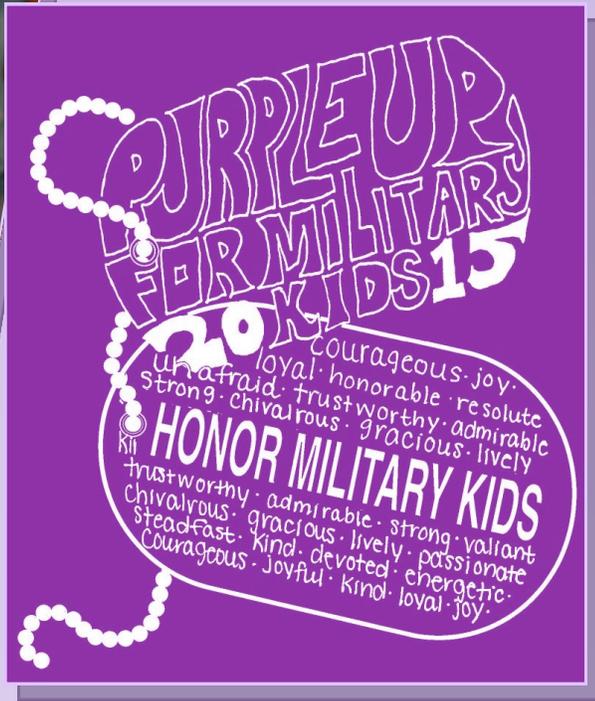
In 1986, Secretary of Defense Caspar W. Weinberger designated each April as “The Month of the Military Child.” This month is still set aside as a time to recognize and honor military children for their many sacrifices and struggles, as well as their countless contributions to our nation. These kids are an inspiration and a source of pride, and it is fitting that we celebrate their spirits and commitments to our country.

South Dakota's Governor, signs an Executive Proclamation, proclaiming April as “Month of the Military Child,” and special events and activities are held in honor of our military kids.

Our military children face many challenges before, during and after deployment of their loved ones. Parental separation, increased responsibilities at home, and frequent moves, are just a few areas that military kids must navigate, like a complicated obstacle course. If given enough support to get through these tough times, our military children can come through with great resilience and confidence, ever ready to face other life changing events. Our communities need to stand together and support our military families.

Help make April a special time for the 7,500 military kids in SD. Remember, when parents serve in the military, their children serve too.

Thank them for their service to our country!



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