

# Military Childrens COLLABORATIVE GROUP

## Newsletter August 2014

### California State AB2341 Student Identifier Update

This bill is to mandate all school forms to include an inquiry if the parent/guardian of a student is active duty military. Presently, the California House Assembly has voted unanimously. The California Senate is on recess and this bill should be voted on in mid-August.

### Debbie Nichols attends the Breakfast for Veterans

Debbie Nichols was invited by California Assemblywoman Quirk - Silva to the breakfast for Veterans focused on the AB1458 a future Orange County Cemetery on July 12. Debbie had the opportunity to personally thank the assemblywoman for creating and supporting our Student Identifier Bill AB2341. She thanked us for all our work and our support of military connected children.

### Unite for Veterans Summit

The Military Children's Collaborative Group was invited to attend the Unite for Veterans Summit in Los Angeles on July 16. This summit focused on Veteran's employment and housing. Guest speakers included First Lady Michelle Obama and Mayor Eric Garcetti. This event was hosted by United Way, Wells Fargo, San Francisco Federal Reserve, and many others.

### Bailey Caldwell attends the Reserve Officers Association Annual Chapter Meeting

On July 25, MCOG Teen Board Advisor Bailey Caldwell was asked to attend the Reserve Officers Association Annual Chapter meeting and their Family Day event which was located at the Los Alamitos Joint Forces Military Base. Bailey and her sister wrote the book "Deployed Kids: How we survived our mom's deployment". MCOG provided the books, which gave Bailey the opportunity to autograph and give out the books and the meeting for free. Bailey was interviewed by the Major General Megan TaTu of the 79th SSC. The 79th SSC commands 21,000 Army Reserve Soldiers and Civilians. Also, Dr. Greg Leskin from UCLA request an autographed book which he informed Bailey will be placed in the UCLA library. Bailey shared her story of how she and her older sister Ivie coped with their mom's deployment to Afghanistan and last year's one year assignment to Korea.

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