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April is Month of the Military Child

RAPID CITY, S.D. – April marks the nation’s “Month of the Military Child,” a time to honor military youth in communities who have been impacted by deployments, as well as the unique opportunities and challenges that all military children face.

The South Dakota National Guard invites everyone to join in and be part of “Purple Up! For Military Kids Day,” being held Friday, April 15.

South Dakota schools, communities, businesses and organizations are being encouraged to wear purple on that date as a tangible way to show their support and thank all military children for their strength and sacrifices.

“This is a perfect time to celebrate military children and to recognize their character, strength and resilience,” said Taryn Broomfield, SDNG Child & Youth Program lead coordinator. “Our military youth are impacted daily, whether their service member is home, deployed, at drill, or away attending training or school.”

There are more than 7,100 military children in South Dakota with parents or guardians who serve in the National Guard, Reserves and active duty. Of these children and youth, over 3,900 are affiliated with the SDNG.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard demonstrated his support of military kids by signing a proclamation announcing April 2016 as the Month of the Military Child.

Established by Casper Weinberger in 1986, the Month of the Military Child recognizes the important role military children play in our communities. We pause each year to honor the millions of military children for their contributions to their families.

“Military kids are an integral part of our families and communities, and they serve too,” said Broomfield. “Please celebrate the military children in your life and thank them for all that they do.”

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FOR MORE INFORMATION about Purple Up! For Military Kids Day, please contact Taryn Broomfield, SDNG Child & Youth Program lead coordinator, 605-737-6919, taryn.m.broomfield.ctr@mail.mil

Purple Up for Military Kids Day Logo





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150415-Z-ZZ999-001: South Dakota National Guard Youth Council Members Caitlin Oster, left, and Trevor Bartunek are interviewed by news media at the St. Thomas Moore all-school assembly recognizing military students and families during Month of the Military Child, April 15, 2015, in Rapid City, S.D. (U.S. Army National Guard file photo/Released)