

FLORIDA CELEBRATES

# MONTH OF THE MILITARY FAMILY

## MONTH OF THE MILITARY FAMILY EVENT-PLANNER FOR SCHOOL LEADERS

The purpose of this planner is to provide information and a sample schedule for school leaders in hosting events and celebrations that applaud the courage of military families and honors their hard work!

ARMY  
GREEN

MARINE  
RED

AIR  
FORCE  
BLUE

COAST  
GUARD  
BLUE

NAVY  
BLUE

SPACE  
FORCE  
BLUE

- **April is Month of the Military Family.** This special recognition, established by former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger in 1986, serves as a reminder that military families play a role in contributing to the strength of military families.
- The **Month of the Military Family** in Florida gives communities an opportunity to emphasize and recognize the sacrifices of military families while their parents serve our nation.
- Florida is committed to being the **most military-friendly state in the nation.**
- Florida is a member of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Families, which provides support to students of military families.
- **Purple Up! Day is on April 15, 2026.** Celebrate by wearing purple as a visible way to show support and recognize military families in the month of April.
- Purple was chosen because it is the color that symbolizes all branches of the military. It is a combination of Army green, Coast Guard blue, Air Force blue, Marine red, Navy blue and Space Force blue.

## SAMPLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

- Invite a military member (parent or other family member) to be a guest speaker and share their perspective on life in the military and their profession (10 minutes).
- Students can learn about each of the military branches and why we Purple Up! (5 minutes).
- Celebrate each grade level and have each grade level cheer for their Purple Up! spirit (3 minutes).
- Recognize military families, veterans or military staff members who are attending the assembly (2 minutes).
- Have the school band play patriotic songs and/or feature the high school drumline (5 minutes).