



## **WELCOME from your School Liaison Officer**

Welcome to Fort Monroe. We look forward to assisting in a smooth transition for your children into our school systems. It is my sincere desire to make your PCS a Positive Change of Schools, and getting your children off to a great start. If you're new to Fort Monroe, congratulations and welcome to the third oldest continuously operating military installation in the United States.

Fort Monroe is a superb place for families. In addition to great amenities and recreational facilities found in the area, our location offers unlimited points of interest in the surrounding communities with local schools committed to providing a quality education for our families. As School Liaison Officer, my role is to improve transitional support for school children of Fort Monroe personnel by establishing partnerships between the installation and local schools, advocating for military children, increasing awareness of the unique needs of military children, and providing a process to address and resolve military specific issues affecting students in kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

Fort Monroe housing residents attend Hampton City Schools, with 36 schools and approximately 22,000 students. For on post residents there are two elementary, one middle, and one high school serving as primary feeder schools. There are many opportunities to expand educational opportunities by applying to a Magnet school to further challenge the talents of your children. I encourage you to explore your options.

There are many additional educational options available in the Fort Monroe area. For those living off-post there are opportunities for military families to attend schools in Poquoson, Newport News, York County, Chesapeake, Portsmouth, Virginia Beach cities, and Williamsburg / James City County and Isle of Wight County schools. There is also an extensive listing of private schools in the area from which you may choose.

Fort Monroe enjoys an excellent relationship with all local school districts. Our commitment and partnerships as members of the surrounding schools districts and communities is very strong, and we will need your help to continue to expand this relationship to help improve our schools. Please consider volunteering in your children's schools.

We are proud to be part of the Joint Military Services School Liaison Committee (JMSSLC) in Hampton Roads. The committee represents approximately 67,000 military-connected children in public schools. Our mission is to connect schools, communities, and the military by providing information, resources, programs and services pertaining to school-aged military children.

If you have any questions about our schools, please contact me at (757) 788-4673, or e-mail [charles.french1@us.army.mil](mailto:charles.french1@us.army.mil). In addition, information is available at our new Joint Services website <http://www.militaryk12link.com> or the SLO website at: <http://www.monroemwr.com/schoolliasion.htm>

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