



Children from the child development center at NAS JRB New Orleans visit the base commissary April 13 as part of a celebration on the Month of the Military Child to learn about healthy eating. Adults from left are Lisa Washington, from the NAS JRB child development center (CDC); Joy Schaubhut from the Naval Branch Medical Center's health promotions office; Jazz the alligator; Victoria Lachney, commissary produce manager; and Chrishondra Stamps from the CDC.

This awareness month was established to underscore the important role children play in the Armed Forces community. There are approximately 2 million military children, ranging in ages from newborn to 18 years old; 1.3 million military children are school-aged. Care of military children sustains our fighting force, and strengthens the health, security, and safety of our nation's families and communities.

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