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MEMORANDUM FOR SENIOR PENTAGON LEADERSHIP
COMMANDERS OF THE COMBATANT COMMANDS
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SUBJECT: Inspire 2 Aspire – Bring a Child to Work Day 2024

The Department of Defense's greatest strength is our people — our Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen, Guardians, and civilian employees. Recognizing that many are parents, mentors, and community leaders, I am pleased to invite military and DoD civilian personnel at installations around the world to participate in the Department's Bring a Child to Work Day activities on April 25, 2024.

This year's theme, "Inspire 2 Aspire," is intended to encourage children to pursue fulfilling and meaningful lives and career paths. At the Pentagon, Washington Headquarters Services — in partnership with the Military Departments, the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff, the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and many other DoD Components — has planned a full day of fun, educational, and interactive activities for children of all ages that will showcase the breadth and diversity of skills, roles, and professionals in the Department of Defense and highlight the importance of the work that we do. I look forward to welcoming younger generations here.

I encourage all senior leaders, commanders, managers, and supervisors across the Department — consistent with mission requirements and security and safety considerations — to provide their personnel with the opportunity to participate in Bring a Child to Work Day activities that celebrate their service and careers.

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