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School and Military Working Together
*Jerry Zucker Middle School and Joint Base
Charleston share common focus*

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On Thursday, September 26th, several officers from the Joint Base Charleston visited Jerry Zucker Middle School. The visitors included Colonel Mongold, Captain Valencia and Christopher Gerry (a retired U.S. Navy master chief petty officer who is currently the School Liaison Officer, Joint Base Charleston-AB). Accompanied by Principal Jacob Perlmutter, the men toured the school and then had a roundtable discussion in the library with a group of students who come from military families. The students discussed their experience at Jerry Zucker Middle School and were positive about their middle school experience. They noted that having other military families involved creates a support system for the unique challenges associated with growing up in a military family.

Colonel Mongold and the others were complimentary about what they saw during their visit and were appreciative of the school's service to the military families and children who attend Zucker Middle School. According to Mr. Perlmutter, "We have made a partnership with the local military institutions a strategic priority for our school, and I am thrilled with how this visit and the roundtable discussion with military students went on Thursday." Guidance counselor James Brooks organized the visit. Mr. Brooks also coordinates Zucker Middle's mentor program which pairs officers and other personnel from the Joint Base Charleston with students.

For more information regarding this event, please contact Principal Jake Perlmutter or teacher librarian Miranda Cary at (843) 767-8383.

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