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Celebrating Month of the Military Child

ALWAYS WORTH IT

Just moved into my new home, I'm feeling a little alone. Now I'm going to school, I hope the kids think I'm cool. It's easy to adjust but not to trust. Moving away this time, wishing I can go back to my old life. But at the end, it's always worth it.

– Ana C.
5th grade
Sasebo Elementary School

Welcome Home

I remember when Dad was coming home from deployment. It's been six months since I've seen him. We missed his birthday AGAIN! I wondered did he get taller? In the car driving to base. Outside I looked like nothing but inside I was having a happy party. My dad was finally home.

The next thing I knew, we were finally at the pier and there were a lot of people. Wow, a ginormous ship! Cheerleaders were dancing and cheering for ship people. I saw signs in the big crowd saying "Welcome Home" many ways. How was I going to find him here? I tried to look for him but didn't see him. Suddenly, I heard a loud "Sherri" and Mama pointed out Daddy. He was a small skinny blob waving really big and I waved back at him. My excitement started to burst.

After a long long long wait the sailors were finally getting off the ship. There was a long line of people when I finally saw him. I ran to him as fast as I could. I gave him a big hug and lei. Welcome Home Dada!

– Laya Fujimura
Age 9, Yokosuka homeschooler

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homeschoolers Pages 4-5

SHIP PULLS OUT

He exits the car
And I wave with no
response
As the ship pulls out

– Tala F.
5th grade
Sasebo Elementary School

NEVER GIVE UP

- Ready to get back up if you fall.
- Eager to experience new places.
- Smile to those who have to leave.
- Inspire other people to be resilient.
- Learn from past mistakes.
- Inspire themselves to work harder.
- Excited to make new friends
- Never give up on trying new things.
- Trying your hardest at all times.

– Cherish D.
5th grade
Sasebo Elementary School

Let experiences guide you

BY 2D LT. CLARE CATHERINE HARTNETT

The military child is faced with a unique experience full of challenge and opportunity. This experience is different for every child, and I am grateful for the one that I had. I was lucky to experience a childhood in the Pacific bouncing between Korea, Alaska, and Japan where I learned a lot about myself and the world around me. There was much expected and demanded of my brothers and me because of the regular moves. I remember there was a mixture of excitement and heartbreak every time I had to pack my life into a box and move away from everything I had worked to build. While not the easiest thing to do, it taught me that with an outward appearance of confidence and calm, an open mind and some understanding, I could walk into any situation knowing I could get through it. It also taught me that change can be good and as long as I was determined and worked hard, I could accomplish anything I set my mind to.

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Family photo during cherry blossom season in Japan. Photo courtesy of Clare Catherine Hartnett

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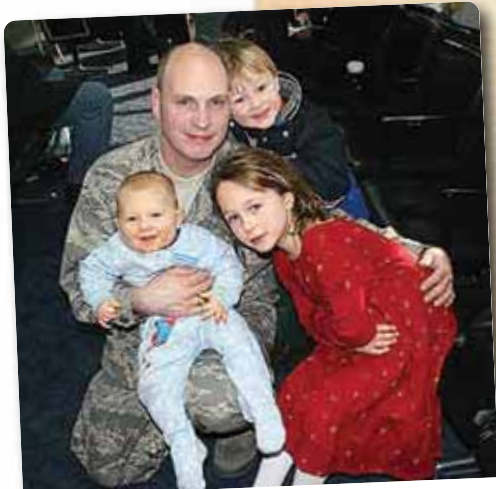
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EXPERIENCES: Strive for your dreams

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Trying on dad's hat in Korea.



At the airport in St. Louis before deployment.

Being surrounded by, and fascinated with, aviation my entire life, it wasn't a surprise to anyone when I decided I wanted to fly as a career. As I entered my teenage years, I was given the opportunity to begin flight training with incredible instructors who donated their time to teach interested youth. I was fortunate to have a line of military aviators as my instructors and that's when I knew that I didn't just want to fly - I wanted to fly for the Air Force. With the support of my family, friends, teachers and mentors, I pursued an appointment to the Air Force Academy. I was once again thrust into the unknown when I began my four-year college experience in Colorado Springs. I was challenged mentally and physically while there and had to dig deep and overcome obstacles thrown my way. A memorable challenge came freshman year when I had a roommate who, on the surface, could not have been more different than I was. Having to learn how to get along with people with different backgrounds and a wide range of personalities growing up proved incredibly valuable. We were able to work past our differences in personality and life experiences and developed an incredible bond that contributed to me successfully graduating from 'The Zoo'. She is still my best friend and someone I cannot imagine not having in my corner for the rest of my life. Together, we arrived at graduation with orders for flight training, and, once again, we'll jump into a new adventure.

Just like I looked forward to the challenges and opportunities a new home would bring as a child, I now look forward to the adventures I'll find in my own military career. I encourage all those children who grow up with a well-used backpack to hold onto their well-earned pride and strive for their dreams - their experiences as a military child will help see them through!



Flying with my brother in Alaska.



Liz and me post commissioning as second lieutenants.



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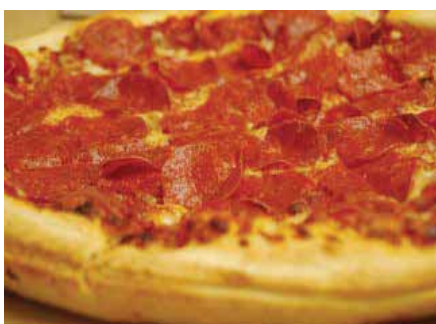
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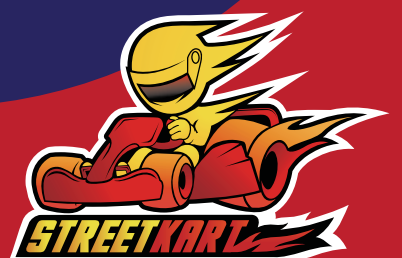
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Yokosuka Homeschool



Moving Ecstatically

Everything is New to you When you Move

Hello, my name is Sol Miller-Noriega. I have been a military child since birth. I am now 11 years old. My favorite part of moving, other than new food because I could write a novel about food is flying to a new place. Almost every move takes days to arrive, when we finally arrive I am ecstatic.

One of the first things I'm thrilled for is my new neighbors and learning their personalities. For example, one of my old neighbors named Jimmy would tell me some of the best dad jokes. My neighbors usually start to feel like family.

The next exciting part about moving is exploring the new cities and surrounding countries. When we lived in Spain, I thought it was so unreal living in a different continent. I got to hear many new languages. This is very beneficial to me because I might become a linguist in the future. Now we live on the continent of Asia. I am hearing even more languages I have never heard before.

Most of the moving process is fun, but that does not mean it is perfect. I miss my old neighbors and local languages. The feeling of being intrigued overpowers my sad feeling when it comes time to move. It is hard to say goodbye, but exciting to say a new hello.

– Sol Michael Miller-Noriega
SoSa Academic Homeschooling

Military Cats Move Too

Help! Why won't this door open? Help! I stick my paw under the door, then SCREEETCH! I decide that I will stay in the room. Hours later the door finally opened, and everything is gone. Are my people gone? Please do not be gone...phew, I curl up in a lap for pets, I start to purr. My people put me in a backpack, and we go for a ride in the car. We went to the airport it was very loud, and some strange people look at me, and I couldn't wait until it was over. Then we are on something and my people are putting my backpack in a small space and then I hear my people say, "we are off the ground!" I am really scared, and I start to meow. Maybe I can get out and sit with them, I thought, I start clawing at the side of my backpack to get out. My people reach in to pet me, I settle down. We are on this thing for a long time, then suddenly they are taking me out. Another strange person is looking at me. Phew, I am back with my people. We go on another ride in a car and then they finally let me out of the backpack! They say it is a hotel room in a new country—it has stuff, but not MY stuff, no toys, no scratching post, but it does have my people and I curl up on the ground I think it was a long day, I go to sleep. I did not plan on picking a military family, but this family is good too.

– Madeline B.

Traveling to Discover Animals

Snow Monkeys will Fight you for Food

I am a military child that loves animals. When I get to my new home, the first thing I do is search for new animals. Every state or country that I live in have different native animals that live or migrate there.

In Virginia I caught many lizards. I also had squirrel friends, the squirrels and I would have staring contests. I felt that we admired each other.

In Spain we passed by salt farms and got the see flamingos. Road runners were also everywhere in Spain too. They ran across the streets super fast, like they were some kind of cheetah bird. In Japan, I see Japanese squirrels. They are really cute and scary at the same time. On my birthday I seen Onsen mountain monkeys. The next place I move to may not have Onsen monkeys so I took a lot of pictures.

I like to see new animals, but it is hard to not see the past animals anymore. Being a military child has taught me to say goodbye and that it doesn't have to mean goodbye forever, more like a see you later. I can re-visit Onsen monkeys and flamingos when I'm older.

– Sao Caelius Miller-Noriega
SoSa Academics Homeschooling

It's similar, but different

The first time we moved to Japan I was five and we lived there for four years. I don't remember much about moving itself, but I do remember feeling anxious beforehand because my parents both went away to get ready for the move.

Being a kid affiliated with the military isn't the same for everyone.

My dad works for the US Navy as a DOD civilian. When living in the states my dad travels for work a lot, but working in Japan he's able to be home every night.

I was twelve when I moved back to Japan. The military wasn't directing us to go, but rather giving us an opportunity and it was a family decision to return. My parents asked what our thoughts were. Could we leave our friends, family, and our homeschool group? I felt excited about going back to Japan and really enjoyed living there before. I would miss my friends and family, but yes, I would love to move back! There are so many positive things about living in Japan. The military base has many American style things so I rarely have to miss things from the states, and I have enjoyed many new adventures only available in Japan.

Moving in the Military

Still sorting! This is so frustrating! I want to do so much before I leave. Mom once said, "we're on to the next adventure". Not again, I thought, where now? JAPAN!? I want to go to In & Out, I want to go to Chick Fil A, and most of all, I want to see Mrs. Frostie.

Will I be able to do gymnastics in Japan? I spend so many hours there right now. I have so many thoughts in my head I think I will explode. We have to leave for Japan so soon and I am getting so nervous. Now I have to start preparing to get rid of books and toys then put things into storage. Day after day we are sorting stuff into 3 piles: 1) with stuff to get rid of 2) to put in storage 3) to keep. How will I tell my friends?

I have to say goodbye to all of my friends and gymnastics. Being a military kid means saying goodbye a lot and giving up things that you love.

– Matthew

My Military Move

Anxious,
My first move
Aloha Hawaii.
Will I know what people are saying in Japan?
Can I make friends?
I am starting to forget what my home looks like
I miss my dad.
Can't wait to see him
Oh my! A pokemon plane
Looking through the plane window
Rice fields, cars, city, Mt. Fuji
Will there be good food?
Can I hike up Mt. Fuji?
I hope there will be snow in the winter
Konichiwa Japan
My first move
Excited!

– Kimberly Fujimura
Age 11

The Nomadic Dancer

5, 6, 7, 8.....Hearing the rumble of the moving truck approaching your house, seeing your life being carried away in cardboard boxes, saying your final goodbyes: it's bittersweet. Knowing that you have to leave your friends and community in order to find new ones. I thought that I wanted to leave Japan because it wasn't what I was used to. There's no stability as a military kid — I've had my share of farewells, each time saying goodbye to friends and family, and most importantly, saying goodbye to my old life.

Moving to Japan opened my eyes to dance around the world. All the studios that I wanted to go to were two hours away, and I wasn't getting home until 11:00 PM. I was exhausted, and I often slept past my train stop, or unknowingly got on the wrong train. After a few months of trying, I had to stop. My experience after that was filled with trial and error. I visited several studios, however, the language barrier made it impossible for me to communicate. I felt lonely, like an outsider, and it took over a year to find a studio that I felt welcomed at.

Now, I realize that dancing in Japan has given me a fresh perspective on life. Sometimes, you're so desperate to leave that you don't realize how good of a life you have where you are. I used to train to win competitions, now I train so I can dance professionally around the world. I've shed my old life and now look to a brighter future.

– Jacob B.
Age 13

My life is nuts! Read this diary and find out more...

Mon.20th 5:00am

Dear Diary,

I had every intention of sleeping in today! I'm so tired I can't even lift an eyelid! The car's packed to catch the flight to North Carolina. The flight attendant threw bag after bag onto the loading belt.

It's Happening, I'm moving. *stares at wall*

Mon.20th 11:07am

My parents found out Roger's been misplaced...HE'S IN CHICAGO?!?! HOW?!

Our next flight is to Seattle, I hope we see him there.

Mon.20th 6:33pm

We made it to Seattle! Waiting for Roger in the chillin' room (a.k.a the temporary USO)

who's that?! I see a girl with her family, she looks about my age!

We played and talked. Her name is Bailey, such a cool name! Woah, she's going to Yokosuka too! Roger arrived! He was a mess! He hadn't been cleaned or fed, he must've been so hungry and scared.

Tue. 21st 5:05am

Sleeping in that lounge was awful! I'm so tired! We're rushing to check in for our flight to Japan!

Wed.22nd 11:17am

(Still Tuesday in the U.S I think)

The food was bleh! I became one with the chair from sitting for so long! I watched so much tv that my eyes burned but I kept watching. I was so bored... I got to talk to Bailey, her seat was across the aisle. We're waiting for our bus to Yokosuka.

Jet-lagged Time. No Idea?

We were on a bus for like two hours that felt infinite, I threw up in my mask! Gag! Motion sickness sucks! My first night.... EEEEEK! The bed was trembling and shaking! An earthquake!! I hid under the bed until my parents invited me to their bed. I could finally sleep with their cuddles.

– Helena N. Shelton
Age 9, Aspiring Writer/Artist
Shelton Homeschool

– Siena K.
Artist



4 Reasons Military Teens Are Better

Typical Teens... Amazing Military Teens...

- Stay in one place their whole life except for that one trip to New York with their dusty, unrecognizable on a conveyer belt, low-key suitcase.
- Still think Olive Garden is Italian food... which is kind of sus.
- Accidentally pull up other languages on Siri while reading food labels.
- Same school. Same people. Every single year.
- Circumnavigates the globe every few years by plane like they've done it a million times (because they have).
- Develop an adventurous appetite after years of world travel.
- Are surprised when they hear English out and about (IYKYK).
- New everything. New people. Every single year.

– Emma G. Stiller (they/them)
Dyslexic author & lover of dragons
11th Grade, Kindred International Academy:
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Moving Madness

Airplanes
Gross food
20,000 boxes to unpack,
Then, you tell me I've forgot my backpack???
Unpacking
Boxes, cardboard, paper, and way too much stuff
5 movers who are way too rough.
Italy
Japan
Summer, boxes, rain, and sweat
Everything is soaking wet.
I wish we had way less
This is all MOVING MADNESS!

– Sophie Stiller
Grade 7, Kindred International Academy

The Life and Times of a Military Kid

Have you ever wished you could eat subway for breakfast, lunch, and dinner? If you said yes, you just passed your first test and you might make a good military kid.

Keep reading and I will tell you everything about the life and times of a military kid. But, before you move forward, you have to agree to at least 3 things on this list:

1. Leave your friends and most favorite cactus.
2. Visit your grandparents.
3. Be prepared to start over.
4. Eat subway. A lot.

At first, leaving your friends and cactus behind doesn't seem so bad. You tell yourself that you'll write to each other. Unfortunately, cacti don't make reliable penpals. Did I mention, you have to eat out a lot?

Visiting family sounds exciting because your grandparents want to spoil you and buy you lots of toys. But, you only have one suitcase and it's already full.

Hear that crumple noise, that's the sound of you opening another subway sandwich.

If you want to be a military kid, you have to be prepared to sacrifice space in your suitcase and prepare to start over. A lot.

Can I give you some advice? If you want to know what it's like to be a military kid, you have to learn some special skills like how to leave friends, how to visit family without overstuffing a suitcase, and how to start over and over and over. P.S. Subway isn't that bad, the first 27 times.

– Marie R. I. Stiller,
Age 9, Grade 4. (ish).
AKA Magnificent Marie



Moving On to Greener Pastures: Finding My Passion in Japan

Tears stung my eyes as I savored the last horsey hug I would get for two long years. I breathed in the earthy scent of hay and horses, trying to imprint them onto my olfactory senses. Unfortunately, this is how military life is: getting attached and then suddenly having to move on, always too quickly. Every speck of mud, pair of dusty boots, and horsehair clinging to my clothing served as a melancholy reminder of our imminent parting.

The next thing I knew, I was on a plane to an unknown land. Japan is famous for mountain climbing, baseball, and sumo wrestling—but not its equestrian scene. I got the sinking feeling that I wouldn't have any opportunities to be immersed in an equine elysium. For a long time, I was right, since all the riding clubs I researched were way out of my league. I wallowed in my disappointment for a while until I stumbled upon a stable two years later.

Though I had found a place to continue riding, a barn family didn't appear overnight, but soon I found a few people I enjoyed working with. The move to greener pastures proved to be good for my personal development, even if it wasn't the easiest thing to do. Not only did it force me to persevere and find my passion in a foreign land, it also allowed me to get to know and forge unbreakable bonds with some of the most spirited horses I'd ever met, an experience I wouldn't trade for anything in the world.

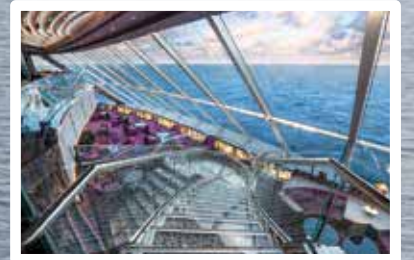
– Emme Rae Bingaman
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Ikego Elementary School

4th grade
Ms. Bumstead

Do you know what it is like to be in three different countries? Well, I do! Let me share with you

First I like being a military child because I get to travel the world I have been to California, Georgia, Florida you name it and I get to make new friends from state to state. I even got to make friends in a foreign country. Oh here is a bonus, you never have to worry about not being safe you will always be safe on a secured base. One of the biggest challenges is leaving friends behind I can remember when I was in third grade and I had to move to Japan and I was a little upset because I had to leave some friends behind. That is what being a military child is like.

Elianna Foster



Have you ever considered the importance of cranes in a shipyard? I'm not exactly a military child but my dad works for the military. He's in the civil service and is responsible for the cranes. These cranes help keep the ships ready for action! Having a parent who works for the military makes me proud. There are also many advantages to being a military child.

One advantage that I have is that I get to live in Japan and experience many interesting places that not all people in the world get to explore. For instance, I bet a lot of kids my age haven't been to Thailand or Korea. We have the opportunity to go many places and have fun because of where we are stationed.

In addition to traveling, I have met many new friends. These friends become forever friends. I still keep in touch with some of my friends I've met. It is also likely that we may cross paths again because of our small military community.

As you can see, having a parent in the military or in the civil service has great and amazing advantages!

Kendal Lewis



I'm not a military child but my parents work for the military. And I need to ask you a question: have you ever had so many friends? Well I have because my parents both work at Dodea schools. One reason I like my life is because I can make so many friends! And I still have my BFF Kendal. I've known her since I was 1 1/2. Long time right? But there's one problem, most of my friends leave. This is sad for me because I experience the same things as military kids. But instead of me moving, my friends move. And my dad has to go on work trips. It's not the same as a dad being deployed but it's similar. My last reason is I can have more time with my mom and dad. For example, when we have free time my dad and I play a yard game. This is an advantage because some kids barely ever see their parents. It's crazy! To wrap it up this is what it's like when your family works for the military.

Emily Miller



Have you ever been to Japan, Bahrain, Hawaii, or other cool places? Well I have, and I feel blessed to be a military child. A military child means one of your family members is part of the military. I will explain some reasons why I am thrilled to be a military child.

One reason why being a Military Child means a lot to me is because I get to meet new friends. I love meeting new friends because I can play sports, video games, tell jokes, and more. Having friends also tells me I am never alone and when I am down they will bring me up.

Another reason why I love being a Military Child is because I get to explore new places and new things. I once went to the Tokyo Tower, the Sky Tree, and enjoyed ramen in Japan. I also saw the sight of the Empire State Building, The Freedom Tower, and visited Central Park New York City, and I went to the beach and a Luau in Hawaii. See isn't experiencing new places spectacular?

Even though I get new friends and see awesome places I still need to say goodbye to my friends and leave my home. That is the hardest part about being a Military Child. One time I had to leave my good friends Ossi and James in New York. I was so upset. I do not like to leave my old home, but when you move you will meet new friends at your new home and you can visit new places in your new home.

In conclusion that is why having friends and seeing new places is so special to me as a Military Child living with my precious family

Andrew Sylvester



Being a Military Child is unique. There are many downsides to being a Military Child, but there are also many upsides! Let me tell you the different reasons why being a Military Child is important to me:

First of all, to me, being a Military Child means being a part of a BIG family. Classmates, teachers, friends, etc. We're all part of a community! Being a part of a community is fun because you can make so many friends, and because you have so many people that care about you. I have SO many friends that I can't even count them all! I have fun with ALL of them! Some of their names are Ivy, Eli, Uri, Taylor, Izzy, and many, many more!

Another reason I like being a Military Child is because I get to go to places ALL OVER THE WORLD!!!! I've been to Japan, Florida, Virginia, Wisconsin, and back to Japan again! I've had many different adventures in all of these places! I was born in Sasebo, Japan. Also, in Florida, we got the Military Pass for Disney World and we went three times! Then, in Virginia, I went to Mt. Vernon! Next, in Wisconsin, I went to the Wisconsin Dells Mt. Olympus water park for my brother Gage's birthday! There, we got to play in an arcade, an indoor theme park, etc. Finally, on my second trip to Japan, (I'm still here), so far, I've gotten to go to a lot of places, like Nagano, Nara, even Mt. Fuji, where I hiked it all the way to the summit!

Finally, there are some challenges to being a Military Child. One of MY challenges is moving so much. I know it's cool to go everywhere around the world, but sometimes I just want to stay in one place. Another one of my challenges is knowing that we could go to war. I know that's not very likely to happen, it's just frightening to think about, but I have adults here that can help me.

These are the reasons why I think being a Military Child is unique!

Grace Wickersham

Have you ever experienced life as a military child? Well I have. Being a military child means a parent might be serving in the military or working for the military, like my dad. My dad was in the United States Air Force and now works for the military.

As a military child, your parents might be gone for a long time. That might make you melancholy but a friend or your community will be there for you to help ease your mind. When your parents come back you will be more than happy to see them.

Another reason being a military child is awesome because we get to live in a community that is safe. We get to live overseas on military bases and experience different cultures. I am able to go to the park with my friends and I don't have to be worried about bad guys. I can just have fun and be a kid.

Being a military child is awesome. I am thankful for my community and all who serve our country.

Jaimee McDonald

Have you ever traveled around the world? Well, I have because I'm a military child. There are disadvantages and benefits of being a military child. And today I'm gonna tell you some.

Something good about being a military child is that I get to travel! I've gone to Africa and I'm about to go to South Korea. I don't really remember my trip to Africa because I was a baby but I bet it was fun. But, I have to move away from my friends to go to my dad's new station. There are military stations all over the world! I live at Ikego Base. I miss my family in Africa!

A sad thing about my parent being in the Navy is that he leaves on deployment almost every year! But he's only gone for 6 to 7 months. I'm so happy when he comes back from deployment in time for Christmas!

Finally, there's making friends. I make a lot of friends around the world. I already have 17 friends in Ikego. But the sad part is that I have to leave all my friends. I don't want to leave them behind!

In conclusion, I'm just here to tell you, being a military child is awesome, but just a little sad.

Urielle Kouamo



Do you know how it feels to be a military child? I will share my feeling of being a military child.

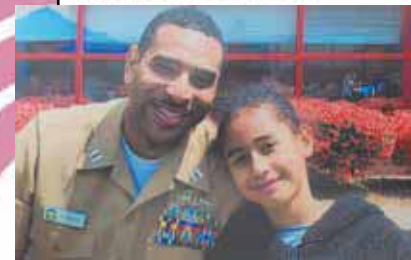
To begin, I feel safe being a military child. The NAVY will protect us. For example, my grandfather's job was to help protect the country by moving missiles inside the military ship. He had an important job. Also, no one that is threatening will get on base, because at the main gate, you need an ID to get on base. That makes us safe and no one that doesn't have an ID can't get on base.

Another reason being a military child is it's exciting to learn about new cultures. For example, Japan's cultural food is sushi and noodles. Another cultural thing in Japan is o-sho-u-ga-tu. O-sho-u-ga-tu is a holiday just in Japan. Also, I'm excited about being at a new school, new teacher, and my new classmates. For instance, I was so, so excited about my new teacher and my classmates. It was a good surprise.

Lastly, there are some challenges. One of the challenges was leaving my friends. Riding a plane is one of the challenges too. I get motion sickness very easily.

This is what I like about being a military child. There are some challenges but there are advantages too.

Edward Mills



Venessa Howard

Have you ever experienced cool places? Well I have because I am a military child! Being a military child means I have the opportunity that nonmilitary children may not get.

First of all I get to travel to cool places like Florida, Hawaii, and Japan! I also get to explore many countries that other children don't get to explore. I can learn new cultures like in Japan you can learn new Japanese words.

Next I can meet new friends. I also can see other parts of my family that have never been to Japan, but would like to come and visit. Also I can see more family members that I don't see or skype that often.

One challenge when being a military child is that you have to leave your best friends. It is hard to leave our friends that we have known for a long time. Sometimes you have to leave your family members too.

These are the reasons why I like being a military child and having a challenge to be a military child. I feel very lucky to be a military child.

Selene Smith



Have you ever been to amazing places like Thailand and South Korea? Well it's great! I like being a military child. I will explain in multiple ways.

I like being a military child because I get to visit many amazing places that many nonmilitary children most likely can't go to. Last summer I went to Thailand and got to pet, feed, and wash elephants! I wonder where we'll go for Spring Break?

Secondly, I like being a military child because I feel safe. On base there is security, fire fighters, and doctors who all keep us safe. For example, kids my age can go to the store and buy something without a parent safely. 10 year olds can even get an ID card!

There are also challenges with being a military child. I was adopted by a military family. Moving to Japan was hard. I had to say goodbye to the people who I knew. Many military kids move every 2 - 3 years and have to say goodbye too. This feels very sad and I understand how they might feel.

In conclusion, I get to travel often, I feel safe, but I've also faced moving to a different country. But being a military child is pretty awesome!

Jamilah Legree



Have you ever been to two different countries? Well I have because I am a Military child.

The first reason why I am grateful to be a military child is that I can travel to two countries. I have traveled to Florida which is in the United States, I have also been to the Philippines, I saw a lot of family members and aunts and uncles.

Next, I am grateful to be a military child because I am able to attend a Dodea school. The schools I have been to are Monclare and Ikego Elementary schools. I am looking forward to other Dodea schools.

The last reason why I am grateful to be a military child is that I am able to live on a secure base and go to two bases. The base I live on is Ikego. I feel safe on this base because there are a lot of gates and security guards. The other base is called Yokosuka Military Base. It is amazing! This base has bowling, the Navy Exchange, and a big gym. At the Purdy gym I can exercise and go to the pool and swim.

In conclusion this is why I am grateful to be a military child. If you are a military child, what are the reasons you are grateful to be one?

Silas Pierre Dayrit

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Ikego Elementary School

3rd grade
Ms. Calace



Being a military child means to move to somewhere new that you have never been to. When I was in the USA my mom and dad planned to move somewhere. I had to say goodbye to my old friends and it made me sad. That new place was Japan and I have new friends. I'm glad I have my new friends and will never forget my old ones. It's hard to say goodbye. Being a military child is a mix of happy and sad.



Daisy

Marvelous places to go, like Tokyo
Interesting cultures
Loving the new places
Incredible noodles
Talking in different languages
Adventure awaits
Reuniting with friends and family
You make friends that move often

Changing homes
Having fun in new places
Incoming boxes when your belongings arrive
Leaving friends behind
Doing lots of new activities



Eve

Moving every few years
I love to go to on adventures
Leaving my school for a new one
I hate saying goodbye to my best friends
Too many neat places and things to see
A lot of new cultures
Rarely do kids get to travel like me
Yelling with joy when I get to see my dad

Calling my dad while he's not here
Having a fun time with mom while dad is gone
I like each of my new lives
Losing classmates when they PCS
Deciding where to go next



Lamia

Being a military-connected child means I can eat different types of Japanese foods, like sushi or ramen. I can see different and neat things like torii gates. My mom says it is a portal to the good world. I get to see Mount Fuji every day and everybody loves Mount Fuji. Being a military-connected child means I have to leave Japan one day. It means I have to say goodbye to my friends, my class, my teacher, and everything that I love in Japan.



Jonah

Moving homes every year
Interesting places to travel
Living all over the world
I am glad to be a military child
Trying new activities and food
A cool but sad chance
Roller coaster of emotion
Yelling, "Yay!" when my mom gets home from work

Choosing new food and new places to try
Having a hero in the family
Inspiring to meet people in the military
Losing your parent for a long time
Dealing with my fat cat's meowing on the plane



Jordan

Making a trip to see the cherry blossoms
It is a rollercoaster of emotions
Leaving my school
I am glad I am a military child
Talking to my friends over the phone
Always on trains
Renewing my passport
Yawning on long plane rides

Chilling with my mom and dad
Hugging my dad when he visits
Incredible anime shows
Lucky to see Mt. Fuji every day
Doing things we cannot in America



Preston

Moving to neat places
It is so many emotions
Leaving friends behind
Interesting places to go
Tough to move homes
Afraid of what happens when I get there
Ready to stay in one place
Yelling, "Yay!" when I see someone I missed

Control my emotions for my little sister
Happy to be here
Incredible places to go, like Fuji Q
Living in countries like Japan
Decorate for and celebrate holidays that aren't just America!



Jadelin

Moving homes every once and a while
It is an emotional rollercoaster
Loved ones coming and going
It is sometimes sad and bittersweet
Traveling the world
Awesome, but difficult to keep moving
Really nice friends that come and go
Yelling happily at my dad when he gets home

Calling my dad when he can talk on deployment
Having many friends all over the world
Important moves every few years
Learning a lot of new things, like languages
Doing many cultural activities, like the Gundam Robot Museum



Swayze

Moving a lot
Interesting cultures
Losing good friends
Inspiring myself and others to be open minded
Telling counselors how I feel after or before moving
Always on a plane
Reuniting with friends and family
Year-round happiness

Cute anime
Helping my parents, especially when my mom has to work
Incredible sights everywhere
Leading myself to a better me
Deciding my own path to a better future



Lillian

Memories of visiting my family in California
Incredible love for Japan
Learning how to use chopsticks
Inspired by my veteran mom
Tokyo Skytree is so close
Anime shows on my TV
Rolls of sushi
Yelling "Konichiwa!" to say hello

Crafting cute origami
Helping others when they're new to school
Incredible places to visit, like Disney Sea
Living by the beach
Driving to Mt. Fuji



Carina

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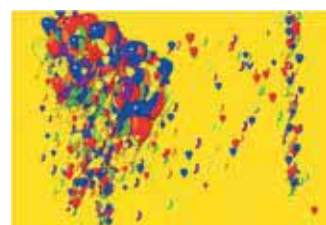
3rd grade
Ms. Lewis



I am a military child! Being a military child can be hard, but also fun. You can move all around the world because your parent or grandparents need to work there. It is really fun because you get to explore new cultures. But it can be hard for people who have never moved before because they will miss their friends and their room.

- Claire H.

What being a Military Child means to me



- Ken S.

Being a military child means being a person in a big community where children's parents are working in the military and those people are helping to save the world.

Being a military child means the world to me because that means your parents love the earth and don't want to cause hurt. They go out around the world and help people instead. They do that to protect their country from war and make sure it doesn't happen in the world.

- Jacqueline L.



Being a military child means a lot of things. There can be bad things and good things too. I like being a military child because when you live on base I feel safe and special. What is it like being a military child? It is going to different states and countries, trying different foods, and learning different languages. Now let's talk about the bad things. Being a military child can be sad. Once I couldn't see my dad for two whole years. When I move I miss my friends and I have to get used to new things. Being a military child can be good and bad.

- Melody K.



Being a military child is really hard and sometimes nice for me because both of my parents are in the military. My mom works in the pharmacy and my dad works at the ship. But my mom and dad get to spend time with us but only the times they get off early or they don't have work.

The good traits are when they don't have work and are able to spend time with us. Sometimes we go to fun places like the mall and other places. But my mom only comes home at night and so does my dad. So we don't go places for too long. This is why it's really hard and sometimes easy for me to be a military child with both parents in the military.

- Cali S.




Being a military child is hard because we move a lot and it makes me sad. I have to say goodbye to my best friends. It is hard to let them go. It also makes me sad because my dad is on duty and he travels a lot to save our country from danger. But I feel like my dad is the best superhero ever in our world. I always love him and I can feel that he's trying to protect us and care for us forever. Sometimes I miss my dad and we think about him but my mind is thinking that he is a very unique person to me. My dad is a hero to me.

- Priscilla L.



Being a military child can be hard for military children & their friends.



Cons:


- Leaving friends and friends leaving you.
- Favorite foods need to change.
- Friends separating to different areas away from each other.
- Only way to keep in touch with friends is online.

Pros:

- Chance to eat new food.
- Might be able to see family members.
- Meeting new friends.
- Making new friends after the depression of leaving your old friends and being happy once again.

- Pete B.

Being a military child can be rough sometimes but it can also be fun and exciting and a fresh start to make new friends.




Being a military child can be tough and rough because when I moved from my state it was hard to adapt to my new neighborhood. I had to leave my old friends. I had to get used to the new weather. And I had to even learn the language.

But being a military child can be fun too. When I moved I got to try new foods I never tried before. I got to make new friends and I started to warm up to my neighborhood and the people around me. It was also hard to get used to my new school because I've been remote schooled my whole life but my new school was fun and eventually I got used to it. In conclusion, this is what being a military child means to me.

- Sung O.

Being a military child can be tough. But it can also be fun. For me it's both. Let me tell you some pros and cons




I don't like living in different places because it can be super scary. I think that adapting can be super tough. Moving places feels weird and sometimes being the new student at your new school is really really tough. Also about being a military child is that you have to say bye to your friends. That can be super tough and saying goodbye to your friend you grew up with is hard. And sometimes maybe it's really dangerous at that place you're at.

But being a military child can also mean that you're going to have a great time there. Also means that you can try new food. For example in Japan they don't have Walmart or Target but in the states they do. So it can be fun and also you can get stuff off your bucket list.

In conclusion, being a military kid is tough but fun. So be happy!

- Kiora Isla R.

Being a military kid has pros and cons. Some cons are you have to make new friends, your parents have to go on deployment, you don't see your parents a lot and you move a lot too.




Some of the pros are you get to experience new stuff, learn new things about the culture, see new things and learn history about the place.

In conclusion, that is why I think being a military kid has pros and cons.


- Sally W.

Being a military child means I get to live in Japan near the pirate park. The pirate park is next to my house. I also get to go to Ikego school. But I could get hurt on my bike without a helmet. You need a helmet. Helmets protect your head. You have to wear a helmet on the base. So that's a good thing.



- Chokpapat M.

Being a military kid is nice because you make many friends, adults or kids. I love all my friends that I have made. I also love ramen. My favorite kind of ramen is chicken soup ramen. Because I live in Japan I can eat all the ramen I want.



- Violet N.

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What does it mean to be a military child?

To be a military child is to be in school. To be a military child I feel good to be one. To travel to place and stay for a while. Move again you will move a lot.

- Gavin

I feel good to be a military child. Because I get to go school with my dad. to be tolerant and Smart. I am good. I can go to the base. We can go anywhere.

- Haru

To me being a military child means to support my Dad. I feel happy to be a military child. Being a military child means that I get to meet new people. I have been able to go to new places.

- Chloe

I feel happy that I'm a military child. I feel grateful that I'm a military child because I have a great family and great friends. It means that I can work in the military when I grow up. I've seen my mom's work and the room she walks in.

- Isabella

Being a military child means you can travel the world. I feel good, because I have great friends. being a military child means that I get to go meet friends. Also being a military child means you can see and Eat now food.

- Adalyn

It means to me my dad is in the military. I feel happy. Being a military child means that I go everywhere.

- Masi

First it means moving. I like moving not only because I like visiting different places but I like being a citizen. It feels good. I won't be a military child when I grow up because I won't be a child so I'm Grateful to be one now. Being a military child means that I get to travel. I have been able to see Tokyo. I will be going to Osaka.

- Ka-Yana

Being a military child means to me is making friends and being a good person. Being a military child feels good. Being a military child means that I get to move from places and do my best. I have been seeing beautiful things.

- Elinore

To be a military child means your mom or dad is in the military. Also, it means you travel all around the world. I feel good about being a military child because I travel around the world and make new friends. Being a military child means that I travel or p.c.s to new places. I can meet new people. What I have been to see being a military child is flowers from different places in the world.

- Ariel

It means a lot to be a military child. It means your mom or your dad is in the military. I feel great about Being a military child. it means that We get to see new places. I have Seen a lot when I have been a Military child the biggest place is Japan.

- Sawyer

Apart from being a military child is that you get to travel a lot. Another part of being a military child is that your parents in or parent in the military go to work for a long time. I feel great to be a military child. Being a military child means that I get to meet new friends. What I've seen being a military child was traveling to different parts of Japan.

- Max

A military child is a kid that helps the military. I feel like being a military child helps the world. That I can help anybody in the world. I can see different parts of Japan even Okinawa is a part of Japan.

- Lilianna



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Sollars Elementary School

2nd grade • Ms. Edmonds



My dad is in the military. I have been in Misawa Japan for 4 years. I like being a military child because you get to see new bases. A military child means that I have been to all 3 Disney's in Tokyo. Being a military child is exciting because you get to travel a lot. I got to see the snow festival in Sapporo. Not everyone gets to see the things that I have seen and that's because my dad is in the military and we get to live in lots of different places.

- Aiden



Cool because I get to travel places like Philippines, Virginia, Alamogordo, Misawa and Tokyo I feel happy because I get to meet new people. Being a military child means that I can go to my dad's job and I have even gone horse riding. As a military child I've seen DisneyLand ,a tower in Tokyo, the Sakura trees, Disney world, the Philippines, and the beach in Misawa.

- Cassiel



It means that I get to move around alot. I feel happy, and sometimes sad, and tired because when we move it is always late. Being a military child means that I am a traveler. I have gotten to see Azaleas zoo hotel in Carnes.

- Charlotte



I lived in different places because my mom is in the military. I visit my dad at different places because he is in the military too. I'm excited about being a military child. As a military child, I rode in a helicopter and visited Tokyo Disneyland.

- Hailey



I was in Las Vegas and only lived there for five years. Now I am living in Misawa, Japan for the next three years. I feel special because I was born in the same month as we celebrate the Month of the Military Child. Being a military child means I get to do fun things with my family. As a military child I saw a huge Lego Brick.

- Luke

Being a military child means that my dad is in the military and I am in the military family just a kid. I am happy to be a military child! I am excited about learning new languages. As a military child I have seen Tokyo and have lived at Atsugi Naval Base and now Misawa Air Base.

- Elias



I lived in Michigan, went to Washington, and then I came to Japan with my dad, mom, and sister then I got a dog and cat. I feel sad because I don't get to see my family that lives in Michigan and I wish I got to celebrate the fourth of July with them. Being a military child means that I can travel the world and make new friends. As a military child I have seen Tokyo Disneyland, DisneySea, and on the airplane I saw Mt. Fuji.

- Bellamie



It feels nice and exciting to be a military child. I was born in Misawa. I love it! As a military child! It sometimes makes me sad because I have to leave my freinds. Also I'm sad because I don't get to see my dad that much. I miss my family time. Being a military child I have been able to go to DisneySea in Tokyo.

- Isaiiah



It means I have been in Japan for 3 years but I have been in Misawa for 2 years. I feel happy about going on vacations and traveling. Sometimes I am sad because when I move I have to say goodbye to my friends. Being a military child means my dad is in the military. What have you been able to see being a military child? As a military child I went to Tokyo. I have been to the Harry Potter creation musuem. I saw Hogwarts castle. At Tokyo I also went to Joy Polish and in a ride I got to see my past, present and future.

- Chloe



It means I can go to my dads job and hang out with his worker. I feel sad because I can't say goodbye to my family members and friends living in the USA. Being a military child means that I can move from city to city across the World. I can also travel around the World. As a military I have seen the Palm Trees in Fronsecko Dominican Republic, Tokyo Towers, Statue of Liberty. I have even got to go to Disneyland and Disneysea in Tokyo and the zoo in Sapporo.

- Henry



I was born in Alaska. I came from Iwakuni. I am a traveler. Being a military child means that I travel the world and make new friends, doing different activities. As a military child I saw the Tokyo tower.

- Phoenix



It is like being intelligent, smart and good at sports. That's what makes me special. I'm also born at the same place where my mom was born. I was excited when I moved here and sad because I had to leave my friends. I was happy because I got to make new friends. It was great to go to new places. As a military child I went to Universal Studio in Osaka.

- Kai



I am a military child because I was born in Virginia Beach. I was in the states for 5 years. Then we moved to Japan for 3 years. I feel happy to be a military child because my dad is in the military. Being a military child means that I can move around the world. As a military child we went to Disney world and Bright Wood Lodge.

- Lilianna



I was born in Biloxi Mississippi. I was there for 4 years. How I feel about being a Military Child is exciting because I get to go to different places. Being a Military Child means that one of my parents is in the Military. As a Military Child I have seen both Disney World and Disney Sea.

- Coraly



I was in America for 7 years and then I had to move. How do I feel about being a military child? I feel great because I am part of a military family and I feel good. Being a military child means that I am cool. I also can travel a lot. As a military child I have seen Disney Sea, The Golden Gate Bridge, and The Sky Tree. I have also seen Disneyland California and it's cool.

- Kalauao



It means that I was born in the states and I have moved a lot. I have been to Las Vegas, Yuma, Arizona, and Japan. Sometimes I feel sad because I have to leave my friends and family. Being a military child means I travel a lot. As a military child I have seen the Tokyo Disney hotel.

- Braelyn



To be a military child means I can travel to different countries. I feel happy that I meet new people. Being a military means that I get a chance to get on a lot of planes. As a military child I saw the Tokyo Tower.

- Kaleb



It means you are part of the military family. I was born in America but right now I live in Japan. I feel happy being a military child because my dad was in the military. Being a military child means that I am a traveler of the World. As a military child I flew airplanes to America from Japan.

- Kian



I move a lot, some of the places I have been to are California, Las Vegas and now Misawa, Japan. I like to move because I learn new languages. Being a military kid I make new friends. I play with them in new neighborhoods too. I enjoy exploring new places, people, and food.

- Amelia

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- Caliyah Wallace



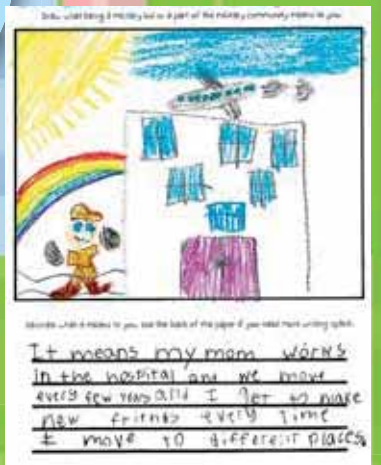
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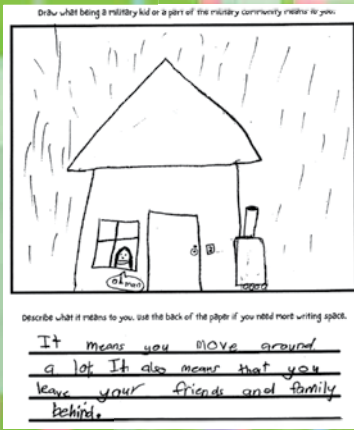
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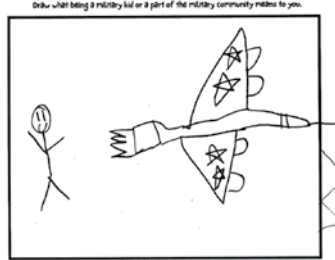
I have homes all over the world being a military child is helpful to people and dogs all over the world.
 military because you will help them work

- Kayden Coombs



Name: Connor
 My experience as being a military child, you don't really get to play with your parents a lot, I have to get up at 6:00 AM because my mom works so we don't get to sleep.

- Connor Hornal



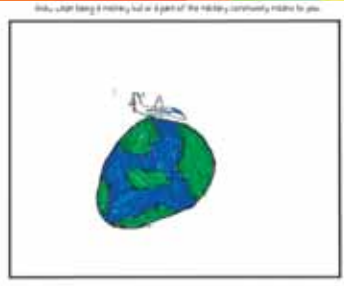
Dear Dad,
 Being a military child is fun because you get to travel all around the world, you can go to England, Ohio, and you can go overseas.

- Wyatt Davis



What it means to be a military child is that you get to see all the world, you get to see all the things, you get to see all the people, you get to see all the things.

- Kyree Clemons



as a military child I get to explore other places and meet other people.

- Kian Ortiz



I see the world! I just came back from Thailand, I went to the water park in Pattaya, it was in Bangkok. While I was in Bangkok I went to Ancient world. Ancient world is full of period temple and castles.

- Hannah Uza



My home is everywhere I was born in Mississippi and I learned to read and write. When I was in South Korea I got a Korean

- Oona Dillier



Colorado Germany
 My home is everywhere I was born in Colorado. I had my first day there. My siblings were with me in Germany.

- Poppy Williams



I would love to go to all the places, like America, Japan, and all the other places.

- Skye Souvanthong



You get to travel all around the world. And you get to make new friends.

- Zoey Young



It is fun to get to go to new places. I like to go to my home. My dad works in the country. He works in the military.

- Aizen Jeffers



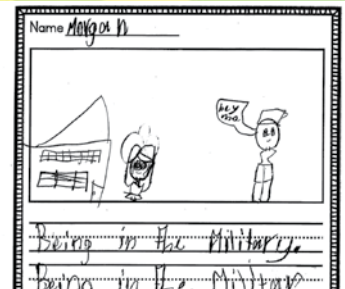
Misawa Japan
 In my community people are kind to each other. I like it that way because if the community was not as nice people would be mean in different ways that could be bad. That's why living in a military community is important.

- Danika Adams



My home is everywhere because I had different homes in the world. I have family members that live in the United States.

- Jordan Dibgolongo



Name: Morgan H
 Being in the Military. Being in the Military is hard for me. My mom and dad go away. I get sad. Love Mom.

- Morgan Hecht



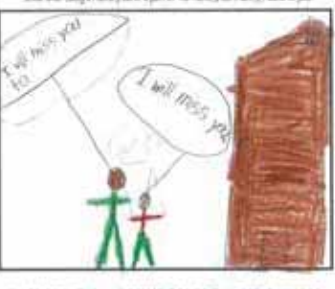
Dear Dad,
 You are amazing. I will follow your footsteps. I love a lot. I miss you. Dad when you go I cry.
 Love Aria

- Aria Norfus



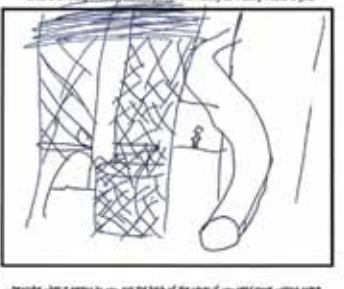
Being a military child means you get to travel, you get to see different things.

- Natalie Allen



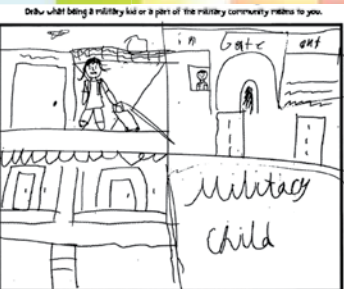
Thank you for keeping me safe. You are the best dad a kid could have. The support you give me is the best. Thank you for every thing. I love you.
 Love, Mason

- Mason Whitehurst



The parents have to work at night, every day long hours and short hours.

- Abby Buckmaster



What it means to be a military kid. Only military people have to move 3 years. Also, we live in a military base. I like being a military kid, we have

- Edith Jensen



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Sollars Elementary School
 3rd grade • Ms. Bengston



I don't like moving but I get to go to cool places. I love my family no so so so so so so so so so so so much more.

- Inara James



When dad goes to work when dad comes home.

My Dad works hard to give his work because let out of the military my family are what helps to a military child to have a job.

- Jack James



My Dad is the Military Dad.

- Lainie Johnson



You travel alot and we experience different cultures. Our parents deploy.

- Sadie Creek



When I get to move and learn new experience that will stay with me forever. Moving makes me feel surprised happy and excited.

- Logan Kenkel



It means like I can be in the Military even if I'm a child I can be in the military if I want to.

- Joslyn Burkitt



While my dad is at the military working I get sad because he comes back about my school. I really I go somewhere to eat with my sister and my mom. When I was at 3rd grade at a school.

Sometimes my dad works as to our bus stop on even other times my mom walk me there. For a couple of day my dad stays home and works all night.

- Malakhi Trujillo



It means alot. It can be sad some times because they go and come and be happy. Sad, OF, happy, happy because we move to different some times.

- Ellie Paige



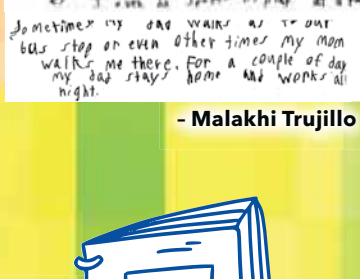
I like it because I get to meet new people but I also like it because I have to be to people too.

- Xander Dewey



A part of the military is to help you a lot but if you are a military child you are always in a safe place with family.

- Joseph Rodriguez



It means to me that its working for the military and taking care of others.

- Kayson Joseph



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- Joaquin Cyr



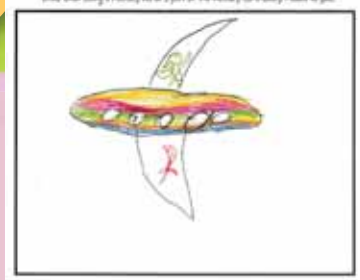
I can make new friends. Make new friends gives new opportunities. I hope I can get to know oh if I want their friends I hope be a military child.

- Bennett Frank



Being a military child means you are always in a safe place with family.

- Leana Peterson



I think that being a military child is moving and serving.

- Ben Bernthal



It means to me that its working for the military and taking care of others.

- Nathan Valdez



It means to me that its working for the military and taking care of others.

- Corbin Grantom



Being a military child means moving a lot.

- Jessica Overton



I love to be happy and be a military child. I love to be a soldier. I love to be a soldier.

- Vivian West



I don't really mean anything to me except the airplane.

- George Raatz



It means that many cars and many people ride a bike.

- Eileen Kim



I don't like being a military child because I have to move alot and I don't want to go to the US because it's dangerous.

- Caleb Roberts



It means you will always move and serve.

- Mika Ilagan



military community is community that every one use like library, school, and...

- Leilani Hayashi



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CELEBRATING MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD
Sollars Elementary School
 4th grade • Ms. Truesdale



What it means to be a military child is that you move a lot of places but it's hard on my head because always think where will I move next? And I get super duper excited about moving if I don't sleep on a airplane for a few minutes, I can start to get mad and I will really like need the man to make me be calm for some minutes or maybe hours, and it's hard to make friends and I want friends so I can have nice time with some that live in my neighborhood and when I make a friend I get kind of shy. My dad is in the military so sometimes he leaves to go some where else for his work for a long time. When I move to new places, new places equals new school. (like when I was new to Sollars Elementary school.) And when I have a new school I definitely get a new home and most of the time when we get a new home we discover snakes, centipedes, and some of the things some snakes, which we found a lot of in our old house basement, and I hate spiders, centipedes and snakes they scare me a lot but making friends make good memories for when I move again.

- Elena Gillett



Being a military kid to me means moving from place to place, but it's hard to get to some countries because of the cost when they get an award for the best of it, making new friends everywhere you go. So before you know it you'll have friends in all places and in low places, you'll have friends in Asia, Europe, America, Mexico, Canada, and many other places.

- Ares Dillier



Being a military kid in the diverges in Japan, I live in Misawa, in fact, I also lived in Goshima, don't remember living in the states, but my dad works for the U.S. Government.

- Ray Gregory



To me being a military child means getting to travel a lot. I have lived in Okinawa and Japan. I don't like being a military child because when I make friends some times they move away or I move away and it is difficult to make new friends. The best thing about being a military child is that when you are moved to a new place you can explore new things.

- Matthew Michels



Being a military child means that you get to travel all around the world. I love you, but I love you and I love you around the world because it's a great social experience. I love you and my family, being in Japan is one of the coolest places. It's our best. I've had a great time exploring all the places it's moved to with my family and that's what being a military child means to me.

- Maisy Gardner



When I go to places, I take the airplane. I love to travel across the world because I've been to a lot of places because I'm a military child. I love to travel because I get to try new food and meet new people. It's fun being a military child because everybody you meet on the way.

- Rex Matel



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- Ty McLaurin



Being a military child means being to move and I also enjoy going to new places. I love to travel because I get to try new food and meet new people. It's fun being a military child because everybody you meet on the way.

- Zaida Mukendi



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- Matai Smith



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- Allison Randall



Being a military child to me is amazing. I get to travel to new places, make new friends, and do different activities depending on the culture of the place I'm at. Sometimes I get sad when I move but I can always call and visit my friends. That's what I think is like to be a military child.

- Isaac Shlemon



Since I'm a military child I have to move a lot and that means I have to leave my house and my friends. Sometimes it's hard to let go but if you don't then it's going to be harder. Also the price of being a military child is not a lot of time with your mom and dad. My mom works so she can't always eat dinner with my dad and I eat at the table. You also will get new friends or best friends and eat different foods. I also don't get to spend time with both of my parents. I've also been to Germany, Japan, and Texas.

- Aria Ortiz



What being a military child means to me is that I can see my friends almost every day. Also, I have Ms. Truesdale as a teacher so I get to have good education. Also, I can make new friends everywhere I move. Lastly, being a military child means that me and other kids will have peace, and not war.

- Autumn Tang



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- Audrey Walker



Being a military child feels good because I have a nice bed to sleep on. Also, at nice house, I also like to play with my dad and my service.

- Camber Harrington



Being part of the military community is great. We can do things that other kids can't. The military community makes us feel like we are special and we are loved. I made tons of new friends and we all of the military community runs on love, safety, and equality. All special. Thank you to all the adults that give us shelter and protection!

- Alana Thornbrugh



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Sollars Elementary School
 4th grade • Ms. West

Draw what being a military kid or a part of the military community means to you.

Describe what it means to you, use the back of the paper if you need more writing space.

HELPING KIDS EVEN THO THEY HATE IT HAVE HELPED YOUR PARENTS
ITS THE MOST THING TO DO BECAUSE YOUR PARENTS WOULD DO IT.

- Darrell Green

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What it means to me to be a in part of a military community is that my dad got a job in Misaki Jado.

- Oliver Schwehr

Draw what being a military kid or a part of the military community means to you.

No thanks.

- Rylie Davis

Draw what being a military kid or a part of the military community means to you.

Describe what it means to you, use the back of the paper if you need more writing space.

The bad part about being a military child is the part about moving around so much

- Rylie Davis

Draw what being a military kid or a part of the military community means to you.

Describe what it means to you, use the back of the paper if you need more writing space.

Being a military child means I get to go on I.T.T trips. It also means my dad has to do 12 hours shifts. I also can make alot of friends.

- Ivory Brown

Draw what being a military kid or a part of the military community means to you.

- Kandace Cannady

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- Alexandria Jorgensen

Describe what it means to you, use the back of the paper if you need more writing space.

It means i get to go to different places and meet new friends along the way. you'll find all sorts of things that you'll like. Its sad being away from family and my old friends, but in the end I always find new friends.

- Jack Reed

Draw what being a military kid or a part of the military community means to you.

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The military it separates you from your friends, you make friends then you or them have to move away

- Mazie Christensen Lovato

Draw what being a military kid or a part of the military community means to you.

Describe what it means to you, use the back of the paper if you need more writing space.

I live in Jaron, Misawa Airbase. I go to Sollars ES for education. Japan is a great place to live at. That's why I'm proud to be a Military Child

- Gabriel Johnson

Draw what being a military kid or a part of the military community means to you.

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Being a military child is OK. You can go to a lot of places. But its sad when you leave your friends and family. But the bright side is you will be the first person to be there.

- Agalei Falkner

Describe what it means to you, use the back of the paper if you need more writing space.

Being a military child is so fun! You get to move all around the world. I was born in Maryland, I am living in Japan and I am going to live in Germany. Also when I move I get to learn more about different places. Before I moved to Japan I never even knew it existed! Also I learned so much about Japan. For example how I know how to use chopsticks I know how amazing the food is. There is also a kind of bad thing about moving so often. Every time we go I make friends, and when I move I have to leave them it always makes me sad. I remember in 2nd grade in California I left my best friend Jaden, we were so close. After school was done I cried for about 2 weeks. There are both good and bad when you are a military child, but it still is fun being a military child.

- Alexandria Jorgensen

Draw what being a military kid or a part of the military community means to you.

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Moving and meeting new people in the world and making new friends with them in the new place. I want to I could learn about their culture, understand they are and how it differs from ours.

- Sophie Butler



Draw what being a military kid or a part of the military community means to you.

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Where if your dad or mom is in the military and if there is a war then they will go and fight. And the good part is that when your dad or mom is in the military then you can get stuff for free.

- Ava Waldo



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Draw what being a military kid or a part of the military community means to you.

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One thing I like about being a military child is that you get to travel all over the world with your family also you get to make new friends.

- Madisen Bamba

Draw what being a military kid or a part of the military community means to you.

Describe what it means to you, use the back of the paper if you need more writing space.

It means to me is to be nice and always be grateful to others.

- Dylan Frazier

Draw what being a military kid or a part of the military community means to you.

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It means to be brave if your Mom or Dad was to die or other war things. And to be grateful to be in the military in the future.

- Annika Wong

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It means having to move a lot. When you move you also have to say by to your friends, but you can just make new friends.

- Gabriel Escano

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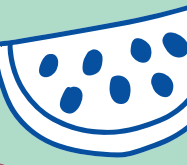
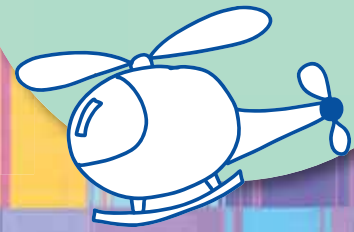
It makes me feel happy because I get to visit different parts of the world and makes me feel like I can go to work. It makes me happy because I get to explore the world, and sad because my dad lives in the U.S

- Avril Legate

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5th grade • Ms. Crough



Draw what being a military kid or a part of the military community means to you.

Describe what it means to you, use the back of the paper if you need more writing space.

What it means to me is that it will always matter what I do and how we work all over the world we are involved in it, we are made to be better. It also makes me feel like we are different from other kids it is almost a great time to be a military kid.

- Aiden Yingling

Draw what being a military kid or a part of the military community means to you.

Describe what it means to you, use the back of the paper if you need more writing space.

Moving to different places and losing friends and making new friends. Trying new food and I feel sad.

- Jaelynn Espinoza

Draw what being a military kid or a part of the military community means to you.

Describe what it means to you, use the back of the paper if you need more writing space.

We have to leave family and friends to go to a new place. We have to be gone for a long time. We also need a family member go to war for us. The military will also bring U.S. freedom.

- Cecilia Bailey

Draw what being a military kid or a part of the military community means to you.

Describe what it means to you, use the back of the paper if you need more writing space.

Sometimes being a military child can be fun. I get to travel to so many new places! Some people think it's awesome though being/going out of town with friends and making sunny from family.

- Haylie Young

Draw what being a military kid or a part of the military community means to you.

Describe what it means to you, use the back of the paper if you need more writing space.

Being a military child is great. You get to go places some kids can't even imagine. It's also kind of hard. You have to move away from your friends and you don't get to see your family often. But the friends we do make will always stick with you.

- Emily Broncheau

Draw what being a military kid or a part of the military community means to you.

Describe what it means to you, use the back of the paper if you need more writing space.

To love friends to make friends. And to move to different places. It's not getting to be different other kind of military.

- Veda Armstrong

Draw what being a military kid or a part of the military community means to you.

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It means moving a lot, having very unique experiences in different countries. You get a lot of friends too. The downside is having to leave these friends, but you can keep in touch.

- Chloe Navarrete

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- Grayson Plocinski



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Being a military child. To be born on military child means that you will get love. You will also get care and for when you are sick. Feel better and when you are well.

- Thalia Tombs

Draw what being a military kid or a part of the military community means to you.

Describe what it means to you, use the back of the paper if you need more writing space.

Being a military kid can mean lots of things to me, it means knowing that my dad is serving our country that he is helping fight in wars and keeping us safe. That's what it means to me.

- Taylor Keller

Draw what being a military kid or a part of the military community means to you.

Describe what it means to you, use the back of the paper if you need more writing space.

What I like about the military is we work on the jets and we know they are so much for us like making us fight for us and for us. There are people and a lot of people.

- Raymond Heiber

Draw what being a military kid or a part of the military community means to you.

Describe what it means to you, use the back of the paper if you need more writing space.

It means a lot to me and being a job-paying job so we can live a good life. I'm proud of the military. Only because we would have to fight.

- Alexandro Raatz

Draw what being a military kid or a part of the military community means to you.

Describe what it means to you, use the back of the paper if you need more writing space.

I can travel more. I can go to places I can see in America. I can live in a new country!

- Jaxon Brickley

Draw what being a military kid or a part of the military community means to you.

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I get to travel the world and see new places. And I can travel and learn about different and interact with different cultures.

- Adriana Weisgerber

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Describe what it means to you, use the back of the paper if you need more writing space.

To move a lot, to serve it. It's to love friends to make friends to get a lot to a new school.

- Patrick Walker

Draw what being a military kid or a part of the military community means to you.

Describe what it means to you, use the back of the paper if you need more writing space.

It means we are that I can move and have fun in different states and have new friends!

- Camille Howorth

Draw what being a military kid or a part of the military community means to you.

Describe what it means to you, use the back of the paper if you need more writing space.

Being a military child means that I have to go to different places. And I also think meeting other people is part of it. Also I think being brave and about war is also part of being a military child.

- Sean Mayer

Draw what being a military kid or a part of the military community means to you.

Describe what it means to you, use the back of the paper if you need more writing space.

I am thankful for the military. It's amazing for all the things that we do in America. You can make friends and lose friends. But you can move to different places and get new friends.

- Ernest Sangster

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In a military community, I live in a great community. We get to live in a great community.

- Ryland Coombs

Draw what being a military kid or a part of the military community means to you.

Describe what it means to you, use the back of the paper if you need more writing space.

Moving a lot and getting to see different places and making friends. Making friends and making friends.

- Adrian Rodriguez

THE MILITARY CHILD Elementary School



5th grade •
Ms. Jones



Sollars Jones
Describe what it means to you, use the back of the paper if you need more writing space.
Me being a military kid means I'm part of a special family because I could go on base and off base I go to the airport and I can go in this place called the USD. I also get to feel proud for my dad because he fought for our country.

- Malia Overstreet



Heath Hoikka
Describe what it means to you, use the back of the paper if you need more writing space.
It describes that being in the military and being in a base lets me use dollars instead of yen.

- Heath Hoikka



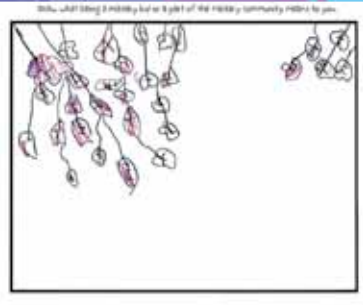
Kaden Manco
Describe what it means to you, use the back of the paper if you need more writing space.
The Military is there to protect US in a problem like from an enemy they help us in World War II. We all made a community were we stand with our present. Today's here forever.

- Kaden Manco



Mallory Curtis
Describe what it means to you, use the back of the paper if you need more writing space.
Being a military child is good and all but it can be hard. My family lives in a military base and we get to see everything a soldier.

- Mallory Curtis



Andrea Taganas
Describe what it means to you, use the back of the paper if you need more writing space.
For me it is important because of going to different countries and seeing different cultures.

- Andrea Taganas



Madeline Sansbury
Describe what it means to you, use the back of the paper if you need more writing space.
It means I'm going to be a soldier one day. I'm going to be a soldier and I'm going to be a soldier. I don't speak Japanese and I don't speak English.

- Madeline Sansbury



Liam Souvanthong
Describe what it means to you, use the back of the paper if you need more writing space.
Traveling everywhere to something serving the country and learning new flags & languages and that I'm special.

- Liam Souvanthong



Evangeline Trujillo
Describe what it means to you, use the back of the paper if you need more writing space.
Being a part of a military community means to me is moving a lot and making friends all around the world.

- Evangeline Trujillo



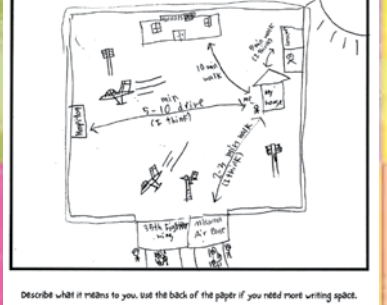
Ezra McCarthy
Describe what it means to you, use the back of the paper if you need more writing space.
Being overseas to me is I feel like a kid like every one else. And I am happy my dad is military since a military kid cause of that.

- Ezra McCarthy



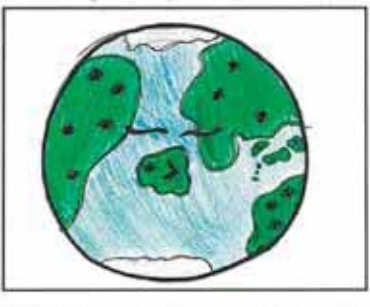
Gabriel Espiritu
Describe what it means to you, use the back of the paper if you need more writing space.
It means to me that I'm part of the community and the military. And it also means that I'm special.

- Gabriel Espiritu



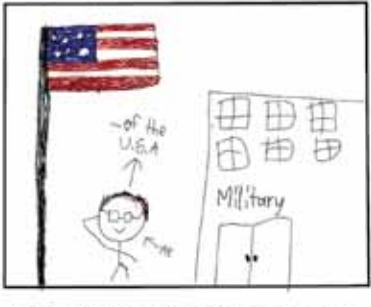
AJ Paulo
Describe what it means to you, use the back of the paper if you need more writing space.
I feel safe because the military would always be here to defend the United States of America, especially in Misawa Air Base.

- AJ Paulo



Jolie Escano
Describe what it means to you, use the back of the paper if you need more writing space.
Being in the military life is hard thing to move every 3-4 years meeting the most amazing friends and helping to protect the nation going through the toughest of having your friends and school friends together than you would think.

- Jolie Escano



Brayden Wallace
Describe what it means to you, use the back of the paper if you need more writing space.
It makes me super happy life is not right next to the sun I'm super happy and thankful.

- Brayden Wallace



Jakaden Watson
Describe what it means to you, use the back of the paper if you need more writing space.
It means that I travel to other countries and learn different cultures.

- Jakaden Watson



Malerie Cyr
Describe what it means to you, use the back of the paper if you need more writing space.
The Military means times that you get to see how people you can learn to the base and feel safe and you can see how the

- Malerie Cyr



Liam Hartley
Describe what it means to you, use the back of the paper if you need more writing space.
Being a military child is nice. I sit in my room and I see soldiers in military and I see people who are happy. We help our country and people.

- Liam Hartley



Mia McCarthy
Describe what it means to you, use the back of the paper if you need more writing space.
I think it means to be a part of the military child's because these people work in the military.

- Mia McCarthy



Matayus Murray
Describe what it means to you, use the back of the paper if you need more writing space.
It means that I have very good parents and I can explore and learn different cultures and places.

- Matayus Murray



Wyatt Maack
Describe what it means to you, use the back of the paper if you need more writing space.
napkinha ipopol

- Wyatt Maack

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Sullivan's

Elementary School

Kindergarten, Ms. Joley



Zayne

I am a military connected kid

I am Zayne.
I like to travel
with my family.
I am in
Kindergarten.

Sullivan's Elementary School
Kindergarten
Ms. Joley's Class

Zayne

Susana

I am a military connected kid

I am Susana. I have
bin in the united
States. My mom has
been in the united Sta
tes. My thvor is

Sullivan's Elementary School
Kindergarten
Ms. Joley's Class

Susana

Mila

I am a military connected kid

I am Mila
I go to Sullivan's School
I like to go to Sullivan's school
I love going to the park
I love my mom and dad

Sullivan's Elementary School
Kindergarten
Ms. Joley's Class

Mila

Maeve

I am a military connected kid

I am Maeve Moore.
I like to send cards
to my friends in DC.
I was born at Limerick
County.

Sullivan's Elementary School
Kindergarten
Ms. Joley's Class

Maeve

Jayden

I am a military connected kid

I am Jayden.
I like to make
new friends!
I live in Japan.
I was born in
TAPAN.

Sullivan's Elementary School
Kindergarten
Ms. Joley's Class

Jayden

Maximus

I am a military connected kid

I am Maximus. I
live in Japan.
I like to play with
my friend. I go to
Sullivan's School.

Sullivan's Elementary School
Kindergarten
Ms. Joley's Class

Maximus

Elon

I am a military connected kid

I am Elon. I use
to live in Ohio. I am
in kindergarten. I go
to Sullivan's School. I
love Japan.

Sullivan's Elementary School
Kindergarten
Ms. Joley's Class

Elon

Everett

I am a military connected kid

I am Everett. I like to
make new friends. I was
born in Nevada and now I
live in Japan. Oh and my
Dad and Mom
are teachers.

Sullivan's Elementary School
Kindergarten
Ms. Joley's Class

Everett

Amelia

I am a military connected kid

I am Amelia. I am half
japanese. I am in kindergarten.
I am funny. I love spaghetti
and cheese! My dad helps
on the ship.

Sullivan's Elementary School
Kindergarten
Ms. Joley's Class

Amelia

Van

I am a military connected kid

I am van Maxwell.
I like to paint.
I like to do arts and
craft. I like to paint
a tyrannid.

Sullivan's Elementary School
Kindergarten
Ms. Joley's Class

Van

Brayden

I am a military connected kid

I am Brayden.
I am the kindergarten
teacher's son.
Casper.

Sullivan's Elementary School
Kindergarten
Ms. Joley's Class

Brayden

Jackson

I am a military connected kid

I am Jackson. My favorite
snow thing to do is snow
boarding. My culture is Korean.
My favorite book is fox and
the grapes.

Sullivan's Elementary School
Kindergarten
Ms. Joley's Class

Jackson

Maria

I am a military connected kid

I am Maria. A favorite
My favorite bug is a
butterfly. I like to
eat sushi. I was born
in Mississippi.
I live in Texas.

Sullivan's Elementary School
Kindergarten
Ms. Joley's Class

Maria

Warren

I am a military connected kid

I am Warren. I was
born at America
but now I live in Japan.
I like to play with
Emilia.

Sullivan's Elementary School
Kindergarten
Ms. Joley's Class

Warren

Serenity

I am a military connected kid

I am Serenity.
I like to play with
Sebastian in the
park. My dad was
on the ship.

Sullivan's Elementary School
Kindergarten
Ms. Joley's Class

Serenity

Casper

I am a military connected kid

I am Casper.
I like to make new
friends. I like to play
with my friend.

Sullivan's Elementary School
Kindergarten
Ms. Joley's Class

Casper

Emilia

I am a military connected kid

I am Emilia.
I like to play with
my sister in the park.
and my teacher's name is
Ms. Joley and Ms. Joley.

Sullivan's Elementary School
Kindergarten
Ms. Joley's Class

Emilia

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Sullivan's

Elementary School

1st grade, Ms. Salazar



I LOVE BEING A MILITARY CHILD

I can look at photos and I get to help people in the military. I get to eat a lot of food. I get to go to a lot of places like Tokyo and Mt. Fuji. I am protected.

Christopher Daniel 1st

Christopher

I LOVE BEING A MILITARY CHILD

I like to go in the sailor's rooms. My dad is the captain. He has a big room. No other person gets a big room only my dad. That's pretty cool. My dad does for his mom. I get to move all the time. It is fun to do all of that!

Reagan Szachta 1st

Reagan Szachta

I LOVE BEING A MILITARY CHILD

I get to go to the company all day long. I also get to go to the New and I get to buy things.

Jesse Lee 1st

Jesse Lee

I LOVE BEING A MILITARY CHILD

I like to go to a lot of countries and I like it. Why? Because I like to try new food and to go to new places. I like to be a military child. It is cool to be a military child.

Jayhun Acosta 1st

Jayhun Acosta

I LOVE BEING A MILITARY CHILD

I love to be a military child because it is fun being a military child. I buy some toys and have fun with them. I go to the shop, why because I do not have any and I like to eat it up. I get to have a vacation and it's fun. I get to know my family and it's so much fun and I do not have to go to the beach and it is fun.

Myla Gibbs Daniels 1st

Myla Gibbs Daniels

I LOVE BEING A MILITARY CHILD

I can see my dad at the navy. I can make my dad lunch. I can help my dad too. I can make new friends too.

Maddox Fisk 1st

Maddox Fisk

I LOVE BEING A MILITARY CHILD

I can go to different schools. I can visit new places. I can meet new friends. I can meet my grandparents and my grandma.

Johansen Fernandez 1st

Johansen Fernandez

I LOVE BEING A MILITARY CHILD

My dad is in the military. He has a job. Sometimes I go to my dad's work. His office is awesome. In his old office, he had a cool military chair.

Hazel Cunningham 1st

Hazel Cunningham

I LOVE BEING A MILITARY CHILD

I love to be a military child because I get to go to my dad's work and use a computer and eat there.

Nina Coleman 1st

Nina Coleman

I LOVE BEING A MILITARY CHILD

I like to be a military child because I like to help my mommy do work and tell other people what to do because my mommy is a chef. I also get to go in my mommy's room and eat lunch with her and I get to sleep with her and play with some military friends.

Kyla Cooper 1st

Kyla Cooper

I LOVE BEING A MILITARY CHILD

I go to Gunas and play video games with my family. I get to hang out with my Dad and I get to help my dad with his work. I also get to buy a lot of shoes.

Eric San Nicolas 1st

Eric San Nicolas

I LOVE BEING A MILITARY CHILD

I love being a military child because I like to go to the beach and I like to play with my friends. I like to go to the store and I like to buy things. I like to go to the mall and I like to buy things. I like to go to the mall and I like to buy things. I like to go to the mall and I like to buy things.

Kastle Lossou 1st

Kastle Lossou

I LOVE BEING A MILITARY CHILD

I love to be a military child because I can go to the beach. I can try new food. I can travel all his lunch break. He plays with me. We go to get popcorn. I get toys when he comes home from deployment.

Leah Betts 1st

Leah Betts

I LOVE BEING A MILITARY CHILD

I love being a military child because I can eat a lot of different food. I love being a military child because I can live in different places. I love being a military child because I can make new friends.

Elan Tran 1st

Elan Tran

I LOVE BEING A MILITARY CHILD

I love to be a military child because I get to help others. I also get to watch TV and I get to play with my friends.

Amelia Hugo 1st

Amelia Hugo

I LOVE BEING A MILITARY CHILD

I like to go on my dad's ship. I like to go to the military zone. I like to go to the military zone. I like to go to the military zone. I like to go to the military zone. I like to go to the military zone.

Michael Moreno 1st

Michael Moreno

I LOVE BEING A MILITARY CHILD

I like to be a military child because I like to go on the ship. I like to try new food and I like to go on the beach and I also like to go to the mall. I like being a military child. It is fun because you can do a lot of stuff!

Clara Dondoyano 1st

Clara Dondoyano

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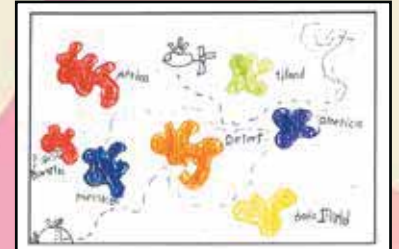
Elementary School

1st grade, Mr. McDowell



I like to be a military connected kid because we have to go on an airplane. But I do not like to leave my friends. I like the airplane because it has free food, it is good!

Camila Murray



I am a military connected child and happy to have military kid friends. They have to move alot so only get to spend a little bit of time with them. I am sad they have to move but I am happy to get to make new friends.

Leilyn Guffey



I like being a military child. It is fun. I like to move and my friends are sad and I'm sad too. I moved to Japan. I like Japan. It is nice.

Kaylin Glenn



I like going to school. It is so fun. I go to lunch and recess and work and specials and I go to home. I like to be a Military Kid!

Avy Etsitty



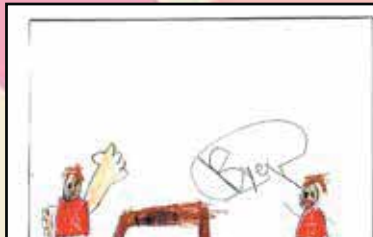
I like to have military friends because I like to play with them. I want to be a military connected kid, because I like to travel, because I like to meet new friends.

Emma Li



I like to be a military child because I like to go to my dad's ship. And I am feeling happy and I am happy because I like to be a military child.

Eli Baraka Henderson



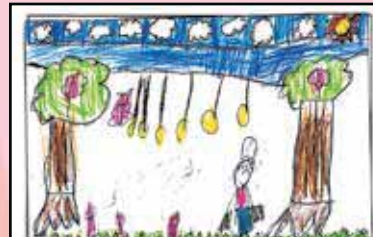
I don't really like staying in Japan but I like to go to America because there are cats and dogs. I like America. It's because my grandparents live there.

Keiden Gonzalez Olanka



All military people move to place to place. I don't know but there is probably a good reason. When I grow up I want to be in the military.

Lincoln Buckner



I like being a military kid. I want to be different. I get a new school. I get new friends. I have so many friends.

Savannah Mumphy



My friends are military. I always have to move. I miss my friends. I like new friends when I move and I miss my friends.

Zoey Philpott



I'm a military child. My Dad works in the Navy. Tim said that my Dad is on the ship for one hundred days.

Sophia Francesca White



Being a military child is fun. Being a military child means I get to go on lots of airplanes. It makes me sad and happy to move. My family moves a lot because my dad is in the Navy.

Eleanor Adams



I get to make new friends. I feel happy to be a military child. I like to go many places. My dad is in the Navy.

Casey Lough



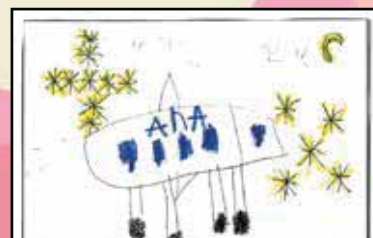
I like to be a military kid because I meet new friends. I like to meet new friends. And I like to go on an airplane when I travel. It is fun. I like to travel.

Emiko Keaton



I like to be a military child because it is fun. I want to be like my dad and I can go to the airplane. I am going to miss my friends.

Katelyn Maniego



My friend is a military child. Her name is Eleanor. I am not a military child. My parents help the way.

Daytan Knocke



I like to be a military kid because I love to travel. I don't want to leave my friends. I was a big baby to them and they said bye. I miss them when I leave but I make new friends.

Nolan Zhao

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Elementary School

1st grade, Ms. Adams



I like to try new foods. I love it.

Scarlett Perez

My dad works at the MEX. He makes money so we can go to new places.

Makai Millare

I can use new words. I can try new words. They help other people. We can help another travel and be safe.

Josephine Wilson

I like making because I can try new foods.

Jaxon Haisan

My mom and dad make and we were taking pictures together. I like Japan.

Monroe Wrenn

I learned how to make new friends. We are brave and we try new food. We sing.

Emilia Dodge

My father works every day. He supports not only my family but also other people. I love him so much. Dad, please come home every day.

Daniella Ozobia

We go to my and see new things and be respectful and responsible. My dad goes to work every day. That's how to be a military kid.

Sophia Tirado

I am a military kid. I make friends.

Isa Kortman

I like to be a military kid cause if that I can make new friends. Love people, place them in your heart, and be brave.

Nathan Bryson

I like to make new friends. I had the most eggs.

Jessica Golden

I have learned how to be kind, respectful, responsible, try new delicious foods, and I make new friends.

Zayne Caasi

I can make new friends. My dad works at the navy.

Chase Tes

I learn how to make friends and I can travel and try new food and I can make new things and love people like my mom, dad, sister and brother.

Zoey Castillo

I like to be with my family (Dad, Mom, brother, sister).

Jaxon Vargo

I love to make new friends. I live in Japan. I play with Japanese kids too. I love living in Japan!!!

Juliet Staso

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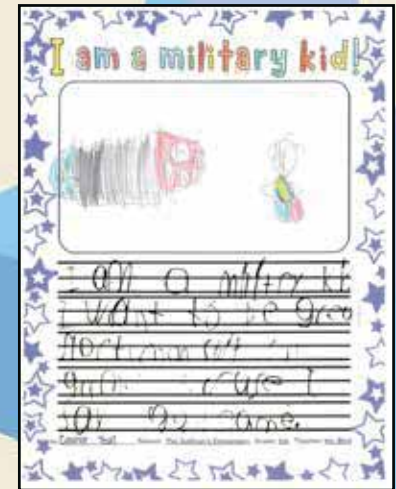
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Elementary School

1st grade, Ms. Bird



Malia Doctolero



Connor Teal



Henry Wilkens



Prudence Flounoy



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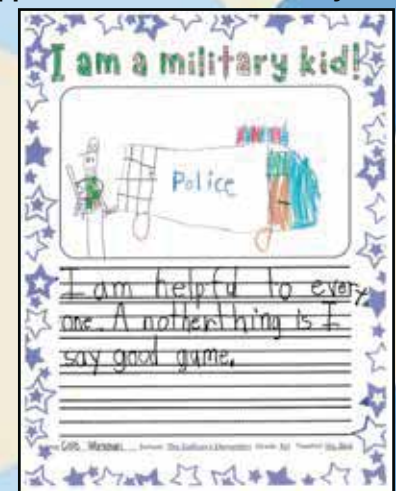
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Danielle Bailey



Cale Workman



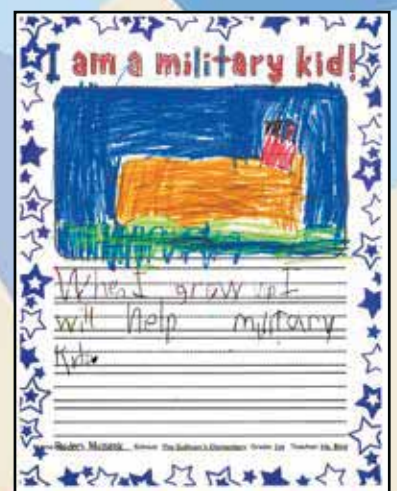
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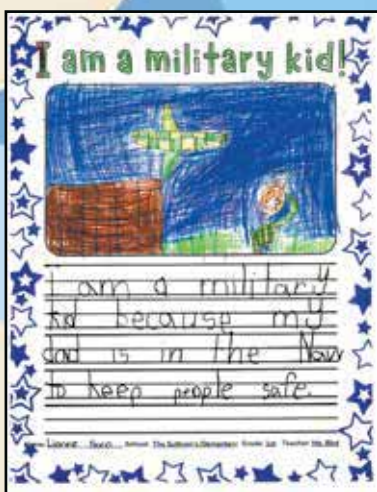
James Spikes



Matilda Buck



Raiden Mazurek



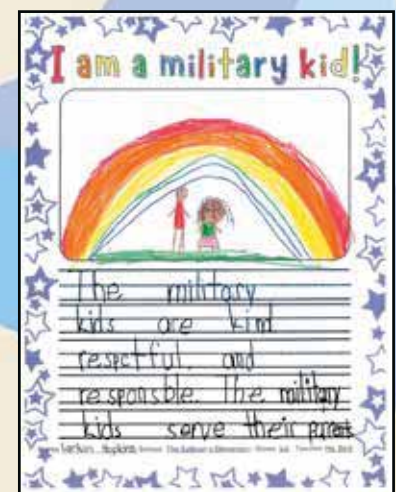
Lianne Soco



Mackenzie Ward



Wren Tuszynski



Larkin Hopkins

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Sullivan's

Elementary School

1st grade, Ms. Lougen



How does it feel to be a military child?
 By RYKO
 I love to be a military child
 I can go to different
 places.

Ryko Rambarose
1st

Ryko Rambarose

How does it feel to be a military child?
 By Sean
 It is nice to be a military
 child because I get to travel
 around the world and it is fun
 to have grandpa who
 when my dad comes
 home he gives me
 presents.

Sean May
1st

Sean May

How does it feel to be a military child?
 By Haiden
 It feels good to be a
 military child because I
 like to travel and some
 times I can see because
 my dad has to go
 for like 3 months
 some times 2 makes
 also see
 I miss him a lot.

Haiden Hartong

Haiden Hartong

How does it feel to be a military child?
 By Alessandra
 I feel happy to be a
 military child I get to
 travel and I like to see
 people and it is
 fun to be a military
 child.

Alessandra Arcega
1st

Alessandra Arcega

How does it feel to be a military child?
 By Kevin
 I feel sad and I don't
 know why but when
 my dad comes
 back he gives
 us for all
 we love him
 so much.

Kevin

Kynslie De Groot

How does it feel to be a military child?
 By Everett
 I like being a military child
 because when my dad comes
 for it is fun because I can
 play games.

Everett Sponseller
1st

Everett Sponseller

How does it feel to be a military child?
 By Ryan
 it feels good to be
 a military kid because I get
 to see so many
 places and it is
 visiting.

Ryan Sisto
1st

Ryan Sisto

How does it feel to be a military child?
 By Warwick
 It is nice because
 I can see I get to see
 many places and I can
 see my dad when he
 comes home and I can
 see him when he is
 away from home.

Warwick Curry

Warwick Curry

How does it feel to be a military child?
 By Zophia
 I am sad and I miss
 when my dad leaves I try
 to be with him for a long
 time. I am happy because
 I get to travel to
 places I get to go to
 Guam Japan Texas
 New York New York and
 many more.

Zophia Resto

Zophia Resto

How does it feel to be a military child?
 By Donovan
 I feel good
 being a military child because
 I can travel and
 I feel good to
 travel and
 when I travel
 I can see
 new places.

Donovan Cividanis Guray

Donovan Cividanis Guray

How does it feel to be a military child?
 By Matthew
 I feel happy and
 because my dad has to
 leave I'm happy because
 I travel to different
 places.

Matthew Clouse
1st

Matthew Clouse

How does it feel to be a military child?
 By Cillian
 I feel sad and my dad has
 to leave and my dad goes
 for a long time and I miss
 him and we can see each
 other when he comes home
 places like a military
 child.

Cillian Coder
1st

Cillian Coder

How does it feel to be a military child?
 By Maya
 If I was a military child
 I would miss my mom
 because my mom
 is the best.

Maya Mecsics Buss
1st

Maya Mecsics Buss

How does it feel to be a military child?
 By Rafael
 Being a military child is
 nice because military people
 are very strong and when
 they come home they
 bring me gifts and
 when my dad comes home
 I see him and I
 love to see him when he
 leaves.

Rafael Calo
1st

Rafael Calo

How does it feel to be a military child?
 By Saige
 If I was a military
 child my dad would
 go to the states and I would
 be happy and I would
 be sad because I can't
 see my dad and I
 would be sad
 because I can't see
 him.

Saige Seiders

Saige Seiders

How does it feel to be a military child?
 By Madison
 I feel happy and sad
 I am happy because
 I can travel the world
 and I am sad because
 my dad has to
 go.

Madison Young
1st
 Ms. Lougen

Madison Young

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2nd grade, Ms. Turner



Molly Morris



I'm special because my dad is not in the military he just works at a school on a military base.

Nora

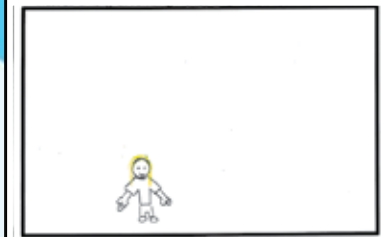


Princeton



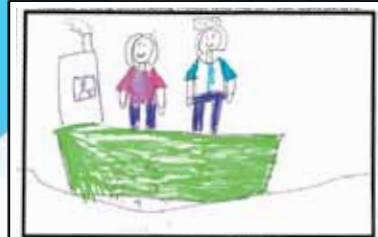
My dad and mom make me a special Military child because they help peop and save people. My challenge of being a milita

Adeline Welch



My mom because her job made me the ible to go to school. Being military connected is good because I do not have

James



I am a Military Kid because I have challinric but also fun things.

Audree



Clara



My dad is what makes being a military kid so special he makes me feel lik I'm a soldier.

Ollie



My Challenge is I cant see my parents. A good thing is my Mom Fights for my country.

Neah

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Sullivans Elementary School

2nd grade, Mrs. Forward



We are military kids

My life as a military connected child is not easy. I have to move a lot of places. I miss my friends and my family. But I love my dad and I love my country. I will be a soldier when I grow up.

Aliyah Williams
Mrs. Forward 2nd

Aliyah Williams

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Damian Buitrago
Mrs. Forward 2nd

Damian Buitrago

Military Child

Do you want to learn about a military child? First we have to travel to a lot of places around the world. I miss my family and friends back in the states. Second my dad goes on deployment sometimes for 6 months. Third I sacrifice my friends and friends so I can go for my dad. You now about my life.

Isen Hill
Mrs. Forward 2nd

Isen Hill

We are military connected children

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Aubrey Cazares
Mrs. Forward 2nd

Aubrey Cazares

Military child

Do you want to know about my military life? Being a military child is the best. My dad works in a office. We are alone because our dad is at work. But most of the time we are with our mom. Our dad is the best to leave because he is protecting the others.

Alyssa Sanon
Mrs. Forward 2nd

Alyssa Sanon

Military Child

Being a military child is hard but I get to see my friends. I am happy for seeing my friends. Sometimes I cry and cry but it doesn't matter because my dad is my hero. That is life with being a military child.

Kira Miller
Mrs. Forward 2nd

Kira Miller

I love a military child

When I was one year old my dad was in the Army. He was gone for a few days. When I went to Florida I stayed at my grandmother house. A few days later my dad came back. I was very sad when he left but the thing is that I'll always love my dad.

Antonio Payne
Mrs. Forward 2nd

Antonio Payne

Let me tell you why

I'm a Military connected child. The first reason why I'm a Military connected child is because my parents go on long trips. Also because they work for the Navy. I feel sad when my parents are gone. But I'm proud of them. My parents go on trips to help. Now you know why I'm a Military connected child.

Emerson Blanton
Mrs. Forward 2nd

Emerson Blanton

The Sullivan's Elementary School

My life as a military child is not easy. I have to move a lot of places. I miss my friends and my family. But I love my dad and I love my country. I will be a soldier when I grow up.

Henley Strol
Mrs. Forward 2nd

Henley Strol

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Ashton Tubman
Mrs. Forward 2nd

Ashton Tubman

MILITARY CHILD

Would you like to hear about my life? The good thing about being a military child is that you can be a soldier. You can be a pilot. You can be a doctor. You can be a lawyer. You can be a scientist. You can be anything you want to be. I don't like it that it's all and I hope you like it.

Johvany Gonzales
Mrs. Forward 2nd

Johvany Gonzales

My life as a military child

My life as a military child is not easy. I have to move a lot of places. I miss my friends and my family. But I love my dad and I love my country. I will be a soldier when I grow up.

Lola Case
Mrs. Forward 2nd

Lola Case

My life as a military child

My life as a military connected child is not easy. I have to move a lot of places. I miss my friends and my family. But I love my dad and I love my country. I will be a soldier when I grow up.

Fynn Tallo
Mrs. Forward 2nd

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Sophia Signey
Mrs. Forward 2nd

Sophia Signey

I'm a military child

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Robbie Zahrn
Mrs. Forward 2nd

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My Military Child's Life

I like being a military child but I don't like being a military child because I can't go see my friends and my places and my friends. The reason I don't like being a military child is because I have to leave my friends and the place I am living but I learn new things.

Aniyah Mackey

Military Child

I like being a military child because I get to make friends from all over the world. My Mom works at the Naval Information Warfare Center (NIWC). I also don't like being a military child because you have to leave your friends behind and you have to learn and much a lot.

Maddisyn Ueoka

I like being a military kid because I like traveling to new places but it is going to be sad saying bye to my friends. But it will be fun to travel to 15 countries and meeting new friends and learning new languages. And it will be so fun!!!

Seri Maria Sarabia

MILITARY CHILD

Being a military child is fun because you go to different places. And it's not that bad to leave your friends behind. My dad is in the military and we have to travel to many places. Being a military child is not fun to some people but going to see new places is fun even ARGENTINA.

Malthos D. Kollie

Military Child

I like being a military child because we travel all the time and I've been to 31 countries and a couple states. It can be hard being forced to say good bye to your BFFs and being wet, it can be really hard.

Rosie

I like being a military child because I get to make new friends all over the world and I can see my other friends when I visit in Guam and I can see my family and also see my third sister.

Jhaylhyh Poblete

Being a military child is hard because you have to travel to different places and leave your friends. It can be fun for other people because you get to see your favorite countries. But I don't like it because you have to say bye to your friends and you can't see them.

Gabriel Hugo

I like being a military child because you can travel to different places and you can see the world. I don't like being a military child because you have to leave your friends behind. I don't like being a military child because you have to say bye to your friends and you can't see them.

Ruby Hardman

I like to be a military child because I always travel on a ship and a plane. I will stay in the military for three years.

Anthony

Niko

My dad spends time with me. I get to travel a lot and we meet fun stuff on the way. My dad is strong.

Niko Aguilar

Being a military child

I am grateful to be a military child because I get to travel the world. I also get to go to a military school. I also get to know new people. My dad also has to go some times. That is all.

Gunnar Hegedusich

3rd grade, Ms. Croom

Being A Military Child

I enjoy being a military child because I could spend more time with my mom. I like being a military child because I like to walk around on ships. Being a military child means I will miss my dad when he is deployed. I get excited when I see my dad again. My dad is so, longer in the navy. I really enjoyed being a military child.

Jake Hartzell

Military Life

Living as a military child can be frustrating. Sometimes you have to move and leave your friends. It can also be fun because not everyone is able to move and see new things. I like being a military child because I get to try new things and explore. Your parents might have to leave without you. But you can always visit them! You can move and make new friends! This is what it's like being a military child.

Lilian Piedra

Being a Dandelion

Wow! Being a Dandelion means I get to travel or visit the ships. I get to visit my dad's office. I even get to travel to different places around the world. I also get to live in different states and countries. It is also very sad because my dad sometimes goes to Saseba. This is what it is like to be a Dandelion.

Ray Loftis

I enjoy being a military child because I get to visit the ship. I spend lots of time with my dad and some times with my mom. I get excited when I get to see the navy. I love servicing as a military child.

Selena Harvey

I enjoy being a military child because I get to go to my dad's ship and his office. Sometimes it is hard to be a military child. You have to move and your dad or mom have to go to the ship. You will not be able to spend time with your mom or dad if they are on the ship. It is really sad to move. This is like being a military child.

Malakai Marcelon

Being a Military Child

I enjoy being a military child because I could spend more time with my mom. It takes really long for my dad to come back home. If you are a military child you would probably have a school on base. It's cool that I can go to his office almost everyday. It is good to be a military child.

Luka Otteson

Being a military child

Being a military child means we get to fly everywhere. Sometimes you lose friends. I get to spend time with my mom. My dad always leaves for weeks. When he comes back he gives me a New Lego set or Tomica's. I always get to go to work with my dad. That is what it's like to be a military child.

Timur Alejo

Being a Military Kid

My Dad is hard working. Being a Military Kid is fun you can have a lot of money and I can go to an on base schools and education and the fun but my Dad is in the Navy it is very fun. I would like being a military child because I am happy that my dad always comes home. That's why I like being a military child.

Jayla Pondexter

Living as a Military Child

Living as a military child can be frustrating sometimes because my dad goes on deployments. It can be fun because you can go with the ship. I went to Vietnam. My favorite part is that since I am in Japan I get to go to a Japanese school. It was really fun! I really like to be a Military Child!

Madysen Rognlie

Being a military child

It is hard because I have to go to sea. Also, it is not really like fun that my dad has to go to sea. It is hard for me and my family and my sister. My dad is a good soldier. I have to be smart and strong and have to learn more English and every words. And I can help my dad in a military.

Eastyn Dykes

Christy

If I was part of the military I would visit to Hawaii and go to beach and every where but I would miss my family and friend, but I have to grow up more. But it would be so hard, to work. I have to be more smart and strong and have to learn more English and every words. And I can help my dad in a military.

Christiana Owusu

Life as a Military Child

Living as a military child is amazing & sad too. It is amazing because you get to live in places that many people do not & it is sad because you lose friends that you loved so much. I like that we stick up for our country. You learn new things. I kinda of do not like it because we can't see our family members. I also do not like it because my dad goes on leave. I have gone to Virginia, Singapore, Mississippi & now Japan. I get my personality from every place which makes me great. I have done cool things in the places I have lived that I can tell about. My life style can not be great but I don't care about small houses & other stuff. I care for my dad all the time. This is what it is like being a military child.

Vera Emge

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Sullivans Elementary School

4th grade, Ms. Debus



I am here in Japan because both of my parents work for the Navy. My parents are civilians working at Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Far East at Yokosuka Navy Base. Even though they are civilians and not military, I am still like a military child because I live away from home to support the military.

It is very hard because I don't get to stay in one place. We always will have to eventually move. Just like now, I have been staying in Japan since 2017. This year is my last because we must move again because of our parents' work. Not being able to stay in one place makes it hard to make long term friendships.

But there are some good things about being a military child too. The good things are that I get to try new foods. Some of my favorite foods like gyukatsu, curry udon and gyoza are from Japan! I also get to learn some cool Japanese traditions and events like Girls Day, Sapporo Snow Festival, bowling, and Sakura viewing.

Another bonus of being a military child is that I meet a lot of new people from moving around. I will keep most of my friend's phone numbers so I can talk to my friends when I must move again. What is also nice is that I get to participate in the Base sports and SAC program. I can also use the swimming pool and go to golf courses on different bases.

In conclusion, being a military child is good and bad. You can get a lot of experiences and learn new things. But you also lose friendship and gain friendships. You can have multiple ways to use methods from each school you have been too though. But really being a military child is not a good thing or a bad thing.



- Aria Neves

Being a military child is not always fun for me. My dad works in the ER in the hospital and me and my Family are always moving. Once I get comfortable somewhere like school or making friends my dad gets news that me and my family must move. One time when I got comfortable with my house in the states my dad got news that we could move to Japan for the third time but what made me very sad was I couldn't really see my Family because they lived in California and New York and El Salvador. But me and my family got to see some other family that we knew was in Japan and we got to live in Japan and have good ramen. Also, we got to explore Tokyo and we could play arcade games like Mario kart and claw machines. Some bad things about being a military child in my opinion is that you are always moving, and it gets annoying and when you make friends, or you are getting comfortable in school you have to so it gets annoying from time to time. Another thing that was annoying when I was younger was that my dad would go on ships and it would be months before he came back so I would get sad without my dad. But I got used to not seeing my dad for like weeks. So that is how it feels to be a military.

- Gabriel Hernandez

Being a military child is hard and a little bit fun. The thing that I hate is when my dad must go on deployment for 5-7 months and I miss him very much. I am lonely, and when my dad is at my house he teaches me fighting moves and he teaches me how to exercise.

I like being a military child because my dad is in the military. If I was not a military child I would not want to be in the military. I also like being a military child because my dad said that military people must be strong to be in the military, and my dad is strong so if someone tries to hurt or kidnap me my dad will beat him up. I also like being a military child because when my dad is not on deployment we barely go to Baskin Robbins, but when my dad is not here, we can go to Baskin Robbins twice a week.

I also like being a military child because my dad and the people that are in Ronald Reagan protect our country. When I visited Ronald Reagan, I saw that my dad was a Commander and the people in his department are being very nice to him. Being a military child is fun and sad.



- Aiden Tachikawa

Being a military child is a little hard. I was born in Japan and lived there for less than a year. I then moved to Poulsbo, Washington. I lived in Washington for 7 years. It was really fun. Then I had to move to Japan, in Asia. I had to move away from my friends in Washington. I didn't know exactly what it would be like since I haven't been there for around 7 years. I want to tell you about how life was like when I had to move away from a place I loved.

I moved to Washington at a young age. When I first moved to Washington, I could only speak Japanese. But living there, it helped me learn to speak fluent English. I had friends from my class living in my neighborhood. I also had other friends that were older and lived next door. My school wasn't too far away either. When Corona came, we did online meeting classes. Then next year I went to normal school. I only knew I was going to move to Japan when I was 7 or 8 years old. My friends were all so sad and so was I. I didn't want to go, not knowing how much I enjoyed living in Japan. I wanted to stay with my friends.

When I moved there, I never wanted to go to a Japanese school. So my parents were able to sign me up to a base school. But I do have to go to a Japanese school during summer break. My Base school is so fun. I have made many friends. The lunch there is mostly good too. I am good at work and try hard! When I went to the Japanese school, it was okay. Everyone was so nice. They were also so energized. We took care of silkworms too.

It was heartbreaking when I had to leave, but that is how it is. I had fun coming to Japan anyway. It was sad, but the change was good. My school and living in Japan is amazing. Going to someplace new can be different, horrifying, and amazing. I am glad I moved to Japan.

- Victoria Berkowitz

Hi, my name is Mathew I will tell you what being a military child is like. One thing is that you always move. I moved to a lot of places here, including Texas, California, and North Carolina. I like living on base because it's safe. I sometimes walk to the library. I walk to school. Another thing is one of my parents got deployed. Deployed is when someone gets sent somewhere. I called my dad at the end of the day to see if he was okay.

- Mathew Lopez

I like being a military child. I will tell you what it's like to be a military child. What it's like to be a military child is that your family members leave and be on the military ship and be a navy member. I like to go and eat off base to go to Coaska with my family. We go out to the outlet mall and buy shoes and clothes.

We also like to go eat barbeque when the ship comes back to Yokosuka. We also sometimes go to our grandma's house to visit and eat food. We also go to the bowling alley to bowl. I like to go to different skateparks when the military ships come back. We sometimes play football, soccer, or go swimming.

We like to play basketball with our dad. I go to sleep over with my friends and playday. We also go to the movies and buy a lot of popcorn and go to the movies with my friends. I like to go to the skatepark and show my dad what I learned while he was gone in the military ship. We go eat at the outlet mall too.

I like to cook with my dad and mom when the ship comes. We eat popcorn and ice cream when the movies start. I like to go play football with my friends and baseball and go to the skatepark with my friends. I like to go to the park with my friends and go on the swings at the park.

In conclusion, I like being a military child because I like to go to Coaska and eat with my family. I like to eat barbeque with my family. I like to play football with my dad. I like to eat in the outlet mall with my family. Lastly, I like to cook with my mom and dad.



- Sean Ohler

Hi, my name is Isla Tachikawa, and I will tell you what it's like to be a Military child. My Dad is in the Military. He works for Ronald Reagan. When my dad leaves the house, we drop him off where the ship is at and where the workers work, but before then my dad goes on deployment then comes back after 2-4 months then stays at the house for about 6-8 months or so then leaves back out to the sea.

When my dad goes to deployment, I feel sad, lonely, and sometimes happy. I feel happy because when my dad is around, I cannot go shopping! But when he goes on deployment, we all drop him off where the place the ships are but the territory of the workers. My family must move a lot. We moved to America, Italy and Japan. It was sad because I might not see my friends and best friends anymore! But when I moved to Italy, I made new friends and then had to move. I had to leave places repeatedly.

Before my dad goes on deployment, I write letters for him. I also draw him pictures. When I moved to Japan, I moved to the Navy Lodge. Afterwards we looked for a house and there was 1 of them that was next to the ocean, but the price of the house was too expensive. So now I live in a blue house. This is My letter about what's it like being a Military Child.

- Isla Tachikawa

I like being a military child. So today I will tell you about fun and good things about being a military child. And my dad is in the navy so I'm a military child. My dad likes cars and not every day but always goes somewhere with his friends. Sometimes he goes to far places like Tochigi.

The one thing that is fun about military children is my dad is strong so play fighting. I said dad is strong because if another person is strong, you can seriously punch. Another Thing fun about the fight is you can't easily win.

The second thing is we can live overseas. I grew up in Japan so I can't travel foreign countries but my dad is in the navy so I can travel. But when my dad goes under, I'm sad. That was all my life as a military child.

- William Smith

Life as a military child is a privilege. Your parent in the navy brings you yummy treats, you get to meet their co-workers, they even let you come to their ship! How fair is that!? Anyways, my point is, we can get these types of stuff, and some people out there can't even get ANY of this! But sometimes, though, being a military child can be hard. When your parent goes underway, you might feel lonely. But don't worry! Your other parent, like your mom or dad, is still there for you! Soon though, they'll come back! And, if you're lucky enough, they come back early! There are many things to do, visit, see, buy, eat, and much more! This privilege is special, so enjoy it, and make sure to treat your parent in the navy the way they treated you!



- Jeromey Vickers

Hi, my name is Archie, and I would like to tell you about being a military child so first, you have to move everywhere like, your mom, or dad has to have orders to move somewhere, and also what is heart breaking is that your mom or dad has to go on deployment. Deployment is when your mom or dad must go to the ship and leave for 3 to 9 months so it's really sad for them to leave. I don't like it when my dad leaves. I don't cry but I'm sad inside because my dad helps me with my homework. But most of the time it's me who does my homework but he helps me in the hard parts of homework so that's why I don't like my dad leaving for deployment. But the good part is that they are going on deployment for the whole entire world just imagine one of your parents saving the world! I know it's crazy! So, I think about my dad that is gonna save the world just because he's going on deployment! Super crazy! Anyway, that's all I have today, thank you!



- Archie Q.

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Matthew C. Perry Primary School

2nd grade • Ms. Cole

It's awesome being a military child. My first reason is there are so many parks. I like going to owl park. My second reason is that people are nice. People let me play when they don't know me. My third reason is teachers are nice. My teacher Mrs. Cole is nice to me. My fourth reason is I get to walk with my sister. She lets me walk with her and her friends when they don't know me. It's amazing being a military child.

by Kalzer Brink 2nd Grade, MC Perry Primary School



It's awesome being a military child. The first reason is my dad works in the Navy. He is a doctor and he helps people. The second reason is I want to be in the Navy because my dad works in the Navy too. The third reason is I like to try new foods. My favorite Japanese food is ramen. My fourth reason is I like to go places. My favorite place in Japan is Universal Studios. Being a military child is fun.

By Louis Morelto 2nd Grade, MC Perry Primary School



It's stupendous being a military child. The first reason is you get to go to fun places like owl park. The second is you meet new friends like Ava. The third reason is you get to try new foods like tacos. The fourth reason is you can see new places like Hiroshima. It's awesome being a military child.

by Shelly Olsen 2nd Grade, MC Perry Primary



It's super being a military child! The first reason is I get to explore. Like when I got to go to Sasebo. The second reason is I can make new friends. When I first moved here Amber was my first friend. The third reason is I get to try new food. One time I tried sushi but I didn't like it. The fourth reason is I got to learn a new culture. I learned some Japanese. Being a military child is awesome.

By Olive Bowlin 2nd Grade, MC Perry Primary School

It's fun being a military child. The first reason is my dad is in the military. I have fun with my dad. The second reason is I go to fun places like the trampoline park. I really like the trampoline park. The third reason is I like having my friends to play with. We go to the park together and play games. The fourth reason is trying new foods. My favorite is yakiniku. Being a military child is great.

By Kinley Neumueller 2nd Grade, MC Perry Primary



It's special being a military child. My first reason is we can travel to see Taylor Swift. One time there was a Taylor Swift concert in Tokyo but I didn't get a ticket. The second reason is we can make new friends like when I met Arianna she's in Mrs. Colar's class. The third reason is the people are friendly. Like when I was doing ninja training I was coughing and they gave me water. My third reason is we can start a new adventure because when I came here I knew I'd start a new adventure. Being a military child is AWESOME!

By: Natalie Genz 2nd Grade, MC Perry Primary School



It's amazing being a military child! The first reason is I like to go on trips like the one in Bali. The second reason is that you can meet new people around the world in Japan. The third reason is when my dad comes home I am happy when I see him again. The fourth reason is I get to visit my dad sometimes when they are at port visits and when I see him, I spend time with him. Being a military child is exciting.

By Markland Grant 2nd Grade, MC Perry Primary



It's fun being a military child. The first reason is I get to play fun games like blox fruits and roblox on the tv. The second reason is I get to go to fun places. Like when I went to Tokyo. The third reason is there are fun places to eat. Like on my birthday we went to Ri Ri TL. My fourth reason is there are super fun pools. I liked it when I jumped in the pool and saw a movie at the pool. Being a military child is lovely.

By Romeo Harmonson 2nd Grade, MC Perry Primary School



It's marvelous being a military child. The first reason is I can travel to a lot of places. Being a military child means you have a lot of money to travel. The second reason is I like to have fun and it is full of fun. Being a military child means you can go to a lot of places. I went to Tokyo, Disneyland, Universal, and LegoLand. The third reason is Japan has amazing food. My favorite Japanese food is ramen. The fourth reason is you can meet new friends. Meeting new friends means you can have more fun. Being a military child is super.

By Ollie Orton 2nd Grade, MC Perry Primary School



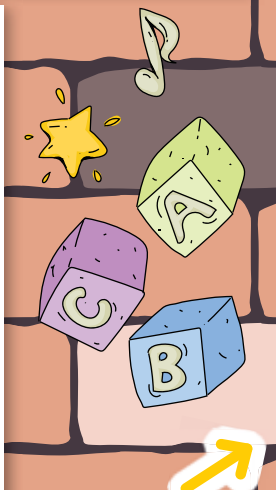
It's stupendous being a military child. My first reason is you get to go to new places. One place I went to is Tokyo. My second reason is I can try new food. I really like sushi. My third reason is that I have good friends. I like to play with my friends Amber and Olive. My fourth reason is I can learn new things. I learned how to get better at reading. Being a military child is awesome.

By Marie McKernan 2nd Grade, MC Perry Primary



It's wonderful being a military child. The first reason is you can travel. Once, I traveled to Disneyland and I enjoyed the ride! The second reason is you can eat new stuff. Once I tried Shellfish, and it was yummy! The third reason is you can meet new friends. My first friend in Japan was Olive! My third reason is you can learn new stuff! I learned multiplication with my Dad and about solids and liquids in school during Science! Being a military child is fantastic.

By Amber Deng 2nd Grade, MC Perry Primary School



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It's fun being a military child! The first reason is I get to try new food, like that one time I ate popcorn shrimp. My second reason is you get to travel all over the world, like that one time I went to Tokyo Disney, Cancun, and California. My third reason is you get to make new friends, like my friends Amber and Kenna. My fourth reason is you get to go to school. I enjoyed when I had my first field trip to the insectarium. Being a military child is fantastic!

By Camilla Feliz 2nd Grade, MC Perry Primary



It's lovely being a military child. The first reason is you get to try new food. I tried new food before it was so good. The second reason is you get to travel to some places. I travel to the Philippines. The third reason is my dad works hard for me. He has to leave us sometimes and we miss him. The fourth reason is you get to speak a different language. I speak Filipino. Being a military child is exciting.

By Martina 2nd Grade, MC Perry Primary School



It's super being a military child. The first reason is I like the food. I like sukiyaki because the soup is delicious. The second reason is I like my friends Kenna and Bobby because they are fun. The third reason is I get to play softball. My team won our last match. The fourth reason is being here with my family. My family and I sometimes go to special places like Hiroshima Outlets. Being a military child is fun.

By Abby Strasser 2nd Grade, MC Perry Primary



Being a military kid is special. My first reason is the food is very good. I love Japanese ramen. It is very very good. My second reason is we get to go places. I want to go to Paris, France if I have a chance. My third reason is you can make new friends. I have a good friend named Edmund. We are friends. My fourth reason is you can learn about new places. Before I didn't know what Japan was. Being a military child is unimaginable.

By Bobby Ward 2nd Grade, MC Perry Primary



It's incredible being a military child. The first reason is there are so many fantastic teachers. One of the teachers is Ms. Cole. The second reason is your mom and dad can go to places with you. My dad came to visit. It was fun, we even went to the arcade. The third reason is people here are amazing like Bobby. Bobby is my best friend for life. He is really nice. I think you should meet him. The fourth reason is there is so much good food like tofu. Tofu is one of my favorite foods. Being a military child is special.

By Edmund Yoo 2nd Grade, MC Perry Primary



It's marvelous being a military child! The first reason is I get to travel to different places with my family like Osaka. The second reason is the restaurants are so delicious like Dominos. The third reason is you can play with a lot of friends like in school at recess. The fourth reason is you can spend time with your family like talking to them when you're eating dinner. Being a military child is awesome!

By Kenna Weinzettl 2nd Grade, MC Perry Primary



It's fantastic being a military child. The first reason is I travel in the Philippines. I went to my cousin's house in the Philippines. The second reason is I go to the Philippines. I can meet my grandma. The third reason is it's fun going to school. I can learn math like problem solving. The fourth reason is I can do fun things like contests. I won a writing contest in kindergarten. Being a military child is awesome.

By Aivan Luis Ordonez 2nd Grade, MC Perry Primary School



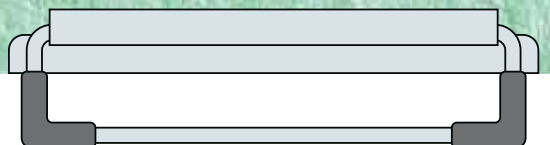
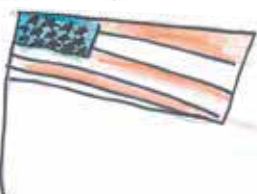
It's great being a military child! The first reason is that you help the community. You can help the community by not littering. My second reason is that you get to explore Japan. One time I went to Tokyo. My third reason is that you might have fun. One time I went to a play place in Tokyo. The fourth reason is that you get to help your parents. You can help your parents by telling your parents the rules in Japan. Being a military kid is amazing!

By Justin Liston 2nd Grade, MC Perry Primary



It's great being a military child! The first reason is I went traveling to Japan. The place I enjoyed was Hiroshima. The second reason is I like to explore. In Osaka I went to a good restaurant. The third reason is I enjoy the fun places that I visited. One was my new house in Japan. The fourth reason is I went to a beach for people who camp. Being a military child is special.

By Eureka Pal 2nd Grade, MC Perry Primary School



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5th grade * Mrs. Click

We travel the world
We make friends along the way
Lasting memories

- Adrian A.

Maybe it's a sign to flee this place and move away
Or a sign to make new friends to play
Voices that I never heard
In a new place or a new word
No one will know when I start to cry on my beach
Going away brings a new beginning to me.

- Ambar A.

Friends flying away
Like leaves on a windy day
Be resilient

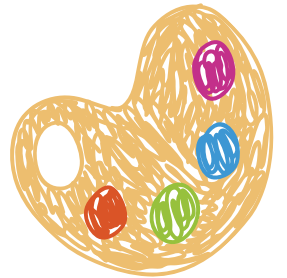
- Ethan B.

It is hard to leave
But never give up and try
Next time come again.

- Devon B.

Forever
Remember
Intelligent
Encouraging
Never ending
Determined
Special

- Kai C.



Hopeful
Amazing, resilient
Mindful, creative,
ambitious
Generous, cheerful, loyal,
friendly
Modest, honest, great
Gentle, funny
kind

- Athen E.

Reliable
Excellent
Special
Intelligent
Learning
Impactful
Energetic
Non-Judgemental
Tenacious

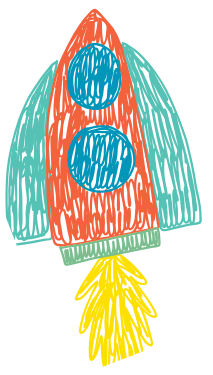
- Alexandra F.

You left to a new place
You were someone I couldn't replace
My plead to go with you was denied
Leaving me empty inside

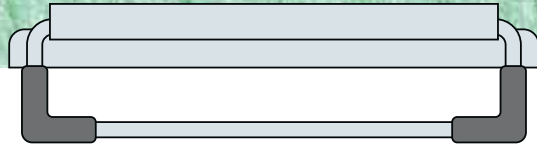
No one to talk to
The fact you were gone was true
I made it through the days
But the pain still stays

I couldn't bear to let go
But it's the way things flow
I remember the moments we had
But now I'm alone and sad

- Ian H.



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5th grade * Mrs. Click

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Every day is the same
Nothing ever change
But I can't blame
They have some job to do
What a shame
Have to get new friends every day
So we won't be alone to play
Oh how I sometime wish
I wasn't some military kid
We move and move
But I still will always love
I will always support my parents
Like how I love parrots
Love you mom
Love you dad
Love you so much
I shall hug like how I do with my
plush

- Mako J.

I look toward the ocean as I see you
fade away.
Thinking you'll never come back, I
started going away.
Coming back the next day looking
at the sea waving away.
Another one goes away.
Looking at the beautiful ocean
seeing people going away from this
land
Looking up at the clouds fading
away as if it was me and you..
Laughing away all the time seeing
the memories come back.
I look at the ocean and wish you
would come back.
Seeing the fishes in the sea going
apart reminds me of you and me.
Looking at the ocean waves make
their sound makes me think of you
and me.
Parting away wishing one day you
will come back to see the ocean
with me.

- Gabby M.

I Don't really know the feeling of my
parents leaving for so long
But i know most of the kids need to
stay strong
My parents sometimes left for duty
And i became a little moody
Even still then I tried my best
Tried my best to get through this
quest.

At many times parents leave to sea
Thinking of them, drinking tea
I rest in my bed, wishing them luck
And I know I won't give up.

We all know the wrath of the ocean
Notion, Motion, All of the
commotion
Those ships are not as sturdy as you
think
They could flip in a single blink.

Once they come back, we feel
accomplished.

It seems like it came true, your wish
The sunset comes, as you watch the
sun bright
Your family is once again reunited.

- Abel P.

I will always stay where i live but my
friends move away from my sight
I will always wait for my friends
I will never leave and wait for
however long until they come back
I feel sad, depressed, unhappy and
I will have tears running down my
face.

I will always wait and make new
friends but even when i seem happy
I fake a smile

- Madelyn R.

I feel like a dove flying away
When my friends go away
I feel like they are a dove flying
away
When my friends come back
Then the dove comes back too

- Ethan A.

It is hard to move.
Someday we will meet again.
Always remember.

- Deacon B.

Every time you leave,
I feel lonely.
When I see you go out the door,
I feel lonely.
But I get it,
It's part of your job.
Every time when I think of you
I think of your twin Bob.
I always run to the door to see if
your hand is on the knob.
I wish you were here with me in the
night.
When I'm sleeping, I think bright.
But in the end I tend to know that
you're here with me.

- Michael B.

I am always looking for a new home
Never had made any foes
They all relate to my pain
Never learned how to stay in my
own lane

When i go, all I see
Is me
With the dandelion floating away
Always thinking, is this wrong?
Is it right?
I never know cause i know what is right

When I go
All I see is
All my peers
Weeping away

I am never giving up
I will fall 7
But get up 8
I am resilient
Like a military child

- Zoey C.

Military Child
Inspiring, resilient,
Strong, loving, Living
Joyful, believer, mindful, brave
Smart, happy, welcoming
Determined, amazing,
Hopeful

- Joshua D.

The dock is empty
There's only a shallow sea
When will he come back?

- Audrey F.

Don't cry little one
We don't stay for too long
We might come back but don't wait
too long

Don't lose hope
You'll cope with it

- Erin H.

We all are alike
We all make mistakes in life
But we get back up

- Jacob L.

When the dandelion fly away
I think my friends go away
When I see the dandelion in the sky
They will always fade away
When I see the dandelion dance
You can feel your friends feeling
When the dandelion grow over
again

I can start making my friend
When ever my friend goes away
The dandelion fly away too
When my dandelion grew
They will make new friends like me
You and me are always together
Such as dandelion and the butterfly
go together

- Aaliyah M.

Military childs

Strong, resilient

Mindful, smart, courageous

Brave, Funny, outstanding, special

Kind, curious, mysterious

Achievers, Determined

Human beings

- Juan R.

The flowers seeds fly away
A long distance away
Like people moving away

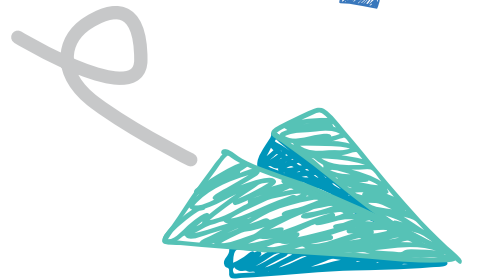
- Victoria T.

Goodbye my best friend
I will see you online soon
Have fun when you move!

- Gabriel W.

Like the beautiful leaves on a tree
not all military children feel much
glee. As we military children move
around the earth and go away from
our friends but we will miss them

- Gabriel R.



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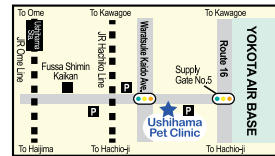
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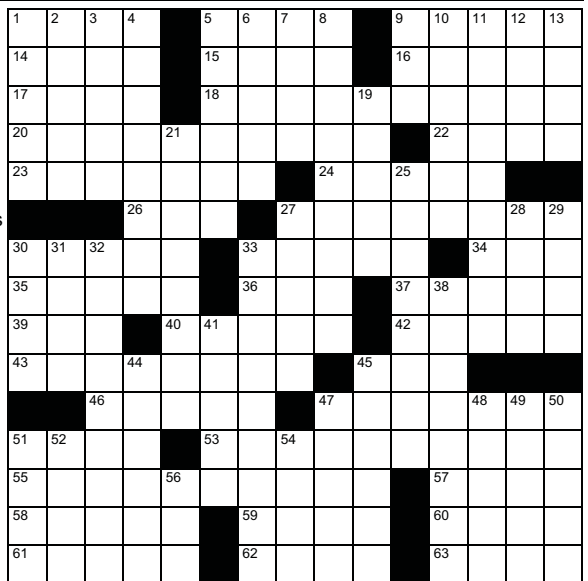
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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- Motel amenity
- Starchy side, slangily
- Sharper than 90 degrees
- Giggly Muppet
- Apart from this
- Like some points
- Mideast's Gulf of ___
- Keep in office
- Heist planner, perhaps
- Grooving on
- Classroom units
- Weighty works
- Row producer
- Statue's stand
- B, on the periodic table
- Gets too much sun
- Astonishment
- Pastor's flock
- "Who ___ we kidding?"
- Where dos are done
- Needing no Rx
- Eccentric
- Paper producers
- Some lab workers
- Patriotic women's org.
- One of a 1492 trio
- Whopper topper
- Paddler's target
- Nonreader
- American in Paris, e.g.
- Graphic ___
- San ___, Calif.
- Place to broil
- Guitar ridge
- Scatter
- Blue jay's abode
- First-timer



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DOWN

- Oyster's prize
- Nostalgic number
- Bad signs
- Horse with high odds
- Peaceful
- Answers to charges
- Secondhand
- Forward eraser
- Super Bowl side
- Two in a Dickens title
- Remove from a computer
- REI purchase
- Therefore
- Wear down
- Madhouse
- Army meal buddy
- Repair bill line
- Military no-show

- Periscope part
- Voting coalition
- Sworn promise
- Calligrapher's supply
- Troop group
- Gliders and fighters
- Moving about
- Desert illusion
- Gear catch
- Toys with tails
- Fictional Potter
- Total
- Sauce with basil
- Roulette bets
- Off-ramp
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- Kind of truck

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Kanji of the week

Tatsu/ritsu (stand)

Language Lesson

Can you hear me?

Kikoe masuka?

SUDOKU

Edited by Margie E. Burke

Difficulty: Medium

		5	4	8	7			
8	2					5	1	
	1		5					
6	4		1	7	2	3		
3	8		9					1
	9							
		4	7				2	6

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Each row must contain the numbers 1 to 9; each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9; and each set of 3 by 3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 to 9.

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Life as a military child is great and all, but there are some ups and downs about being one, too. First of all about the downs, you make a lot of friends for a few years, but then a couple months later either you or your friends will move away. Secondly, the first year you get put in the same classroom but the second year you go to a different school.

The ups about being a military child can be gazillions of answers, but I think I'm only going to tell you a couple for now. First of all, there are special things that not all people get to experience. Secondly, we get to travel around the world!!! The third reason is you get to meet a lot of people for the first time!

– McKenzie Guadamuz
2nd grade
Jack N. Darby Elementary School

Life as a Military- Connected child

Life as a Military- connected child was very different from when I was living a normal life in the United States. When I was going to school in the United States without being in a base, there were a lot of things that could occur because it was not as safe and as controlled as a school in a Military base. I am not saying that all of the US is not safe, because there is crime everywhere, but I have never experienced witnessing a dangerous crime before while living in a base. That means I can sometimes walk alone at night to places like the movie theater in Yokota air base without being as fearful.

Being a "Military - Connected child" still means I have to move from one country or another when my parents get sent to a new position. There are a lot of pros and some cons of moving all the time. For me I would say it was interesting moving to another country because I get to experience what it is like living there, I could also learn a lot of languages. The cons that happen with moving a lot would be that I have to adjust a lot and I have to leave some of my old friends behind and start over. That does not mean I do not speak to them anymore, it just means that I don't see them often.

It is true that most other people will transfer to a lot of countries while being a Military child but I have only transferred to one and it is Japan. I went to a lot of bases in Japan but I lived in 3 Okinawa, Yokota and Misawa. I started in Okinawa where it is very hot and I went up north to Yokota and I went even further north to Misawa, so it started getting colder. We are allowed to travel in the summer to a lot of different countries too.

Being a Military-connected child can be very cool sometimes, from seeing and hearing all of the jets fly to moving to different countries so I try to enjoy it as much as possible because I know a lot of people won't be able to experience it.

– Nour Baboulene
7th grade
Robert D. Edgren Middle High School

Life as a Military Child

Life as a military child may come as a challenge for many, having to leave your home, your friends, and your family may be difficult for a lot of military children. It's always a challenge having to pack up your life and start fresh in a new state, country, and sometimes even starting a new life in a new continent. Having to move far from your friends and family is really hard because you're moving away from the people you love most with doubt in your mind that you'll find friends just as good as your old ones. A lot of military children may find it hard to make strong connections with new peers as they could feel like they might not understand how their friends and family did before they moved away.

Many military children have experienced their parents having to go TDY (Temporary Duty Travel), parents may be gone for weeks, months, or sometimes more than a year. It can really affect a military child's relationship with their parents. Long TDYs can lead military parents to miss important events that their child really cares about and it leads to a strained relationship between children and their parents. When parents go far away for long periods of time they might not be able to call or communicate with their family and children back home. When their parents go TDY far away from their family they might not have time to communicate with family members due to different time zones. The time can really affect when you can talk to your parents again because they are often busy from work and may only get a chance to talk to you at really late times.

Life as a military child isn't always hard, at a young age you get to travel around the world to places you might have never even heard of before. This is a once in a lifetime experience that not many people get to experience at such a young age or even after growing up and becoming an adult. Military children get the chance to live in new places, learn new cultures and ways of living and get an opportunity to learn about life outside of their home country. Military children travel all the time and they always have a lot to look forward to, being a military child isn't as bad as many might think because it opens up new ideas to children at a young age and presents them with more learning opportunities. Being a military child really isn't always as bad as it may seem, military children can be extremely lucky because of the chances they get every time they move.

Life as a military child may seem tough and challenging but there is always a good outcome awaiting, moving shows more to learn, more to see, and a new way of thinking and living. Many adults don't get to go to the places that military children do and military children are often very lucky for the opportunities they get. Life as a military child isn't always a negative thing, if you look at it from the perspective of another child you may realize how cool it seems. Traveling around the world isn't an experience every child gets and military children can be extremely lucky with the places they get to live and get to go to and experience. Life as a military child isn't always a bad thing, you may find that you are really lucky to be a child of the military.

– Charlotte Muhammad
8th grade
Robert D. Edgren Middle High School



Being a military child can be mysterious, sad and exciting! You can go to new places that have different cultures. But you have to leave your friends behind. Moving to a new country can be hard.

– Sarah Nusbaum
4th grade
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