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- Daniella, Kindergarten, Humphreys Central Elementary School

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Where I'm From
 Inspired by George Ella Lyon

I am from the graceful pink blossoms,
 From the glimmering sunrise and vibrant sunset.
 I am from the roaring of jets under the Columbian blue sky.
 Red, white, and blue, it tasted like freedom.
 I am from the towers in the sky
 The balconies
 Whose vast views
 I remember as if they were my own.

I'm from The Morning Calm and honor,
 From hope and bravery.
 I'm from the Music and the remarkable books,
 From BBQ and pears!
 I'm from the ebony and ivory
 With a song,
 And ten sweet melodies I can do myself.

I'm from fresh pasta and pizza,
 spaghetti and gelato.
 From the luci della casa lost to the streets that,
 Used to keep me awake.
 Under my bed was sweetness spilling the beauty of,
 Courage and of grace
 To drift beneath my dreams.
 I am from those moments -
 Content before I saw
 Purple dandelions falling from the sky.
 Only to embark on adventure.

I am from the sun's origin, the beautiful country,
 from emerald, green and scarlet red.
 I am from the woven blanket under the light of a cabin.
 Grey, scorching, it tasted like fish.
 I am from the state of the Grand Canyon,
 the backyard lemon trees,
 Whose fresh grown lemons I remember
 as if they were my own.

I'm from red, white and blue,
 From highs, lows, and a cup of gelato.
 I'm from the flight before the last day of kindergarten and the
 backyard garden,
 from seeing where Dad works in the Air Force and my first
 sentence before a year!
 I'm from the struggles as a TCK
 With a purple balloon gliding away
 And ten songs on the recorder I can play myself.
 I'm from field trips and the "How did you do that?",
 The lively parties and "Wake up, get ready for school?"
 From the Blu-ray disk of my early self lost
 To the labyrinths of boxes, the toys and routines
 Used to keep me focused in school.

Under my bed was a worn arm sling, an airline pin,
 Spilling the memories of several flights,
 An old collar of a lost dog
 To drift beneath my dreams.
 I am from those moments -
 Airport to airport before I move on with a PCS-
 A dandelion's seed fallen from the family tree.

- Reagan Rohrer, 6th grade, Osan Middle High School

- Kenneth Baylis, 6th grade, Osan Middle High School

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From the memories lost
To the curse of time and the ages
Used to keep me going in the shackles of school.

Under my bed was a monster known as anxiety and depression
Spilling into my brain after Dad died
The monster that came and then went away
To drift beneath my dreams.
I am from those moments -
Of despair before I met my friends -
From the moment I fell from the sky.
Even through it all, I still rise.

- Masyn H.

Where I'm From
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I am from the Land of Jazz.
From the mascot Bob Marley and the beating of reggae drums.
I am from the amazing city of music under the sky and heavens.
Good food, spicy curry and goat. It tasted like it was from the gods.
I am from a community that is one family.
The home of my mom, uncle, and grandparents whose memories of my relatives I remember as if they were my own.

I'm from Chesapeake and the world's fastest sprinters
From A modern city and an old country.
I'm from the flowering dogwood and island rhythms
From a place of hip-hop and beautiful beaches
I'm from a home I will always have like a dandelion in a field of green grass
With a family that loves me no matter what, like purple loves all colors
And ten hobbies I can and chores I can do myself.
I am from moments of dread and happiness
Like a cold winter and a warm summer

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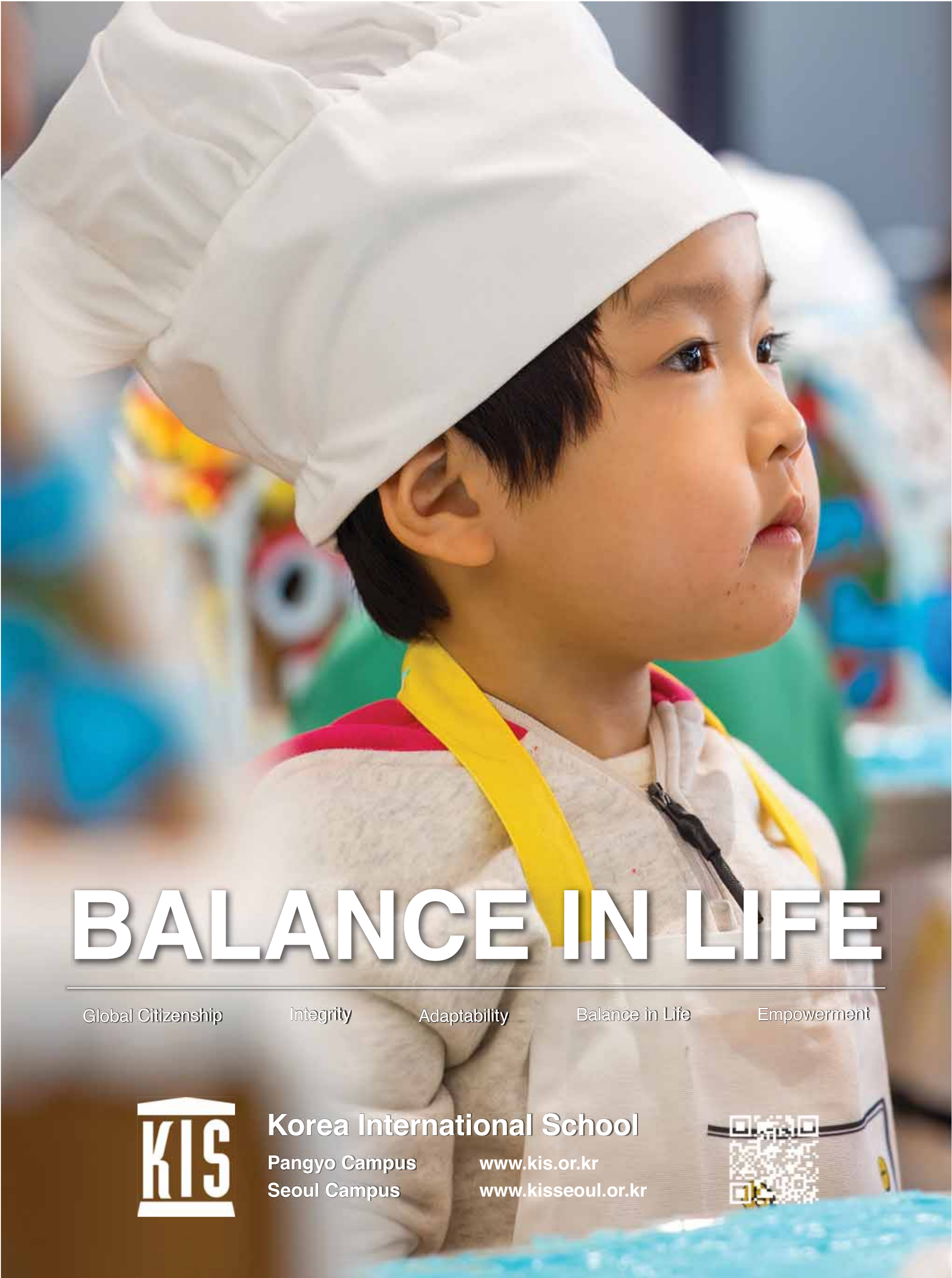


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I am from the lavender, pink, and white mayflowers,
From gardens full and pretty sunsets.
Happiness, and fun, it tasted like home.
I am from the food of my 할머니
The spicy tteokbokki making my eyes water
Whose spicy goodness
I remember as if it were my own.

I'm from The Bay State
And Crashing waves, from merriment
And spending time with family
I'm from the black and white balls flying through
the air
And from HipHop and piano!
I'm from the flute with high notes to low
And ten sweet melodies I can play myself.
I'm from playgrounds and ice cream, walking and
the ocean.
From the soft grass in my backyard
Lost to the pink cherry blossoms
Used to keep me with my friends.

Under my bed was a volleyball bag
Spilling deafening cheers, to drift beneath those
dreams.
I am from the moments-
Spiking before I have won-
Dandelions attached to the family tree.

- Natalie Hinchliffe

I am from 100,000 glaciers
From glacier trekking and enormous ice fields.
I am from whale watching under the ocean
Brown bears wolves under the ocean, it tested
like nature.
I am from the Northern Lights
The colorful bands that dance in the dark sky
Whose glimmer I remember
As if it were my own.

I'm from the Mother of States
From flowering dogwood and Mount Rogers.
I'm from the Appalachian Trail and the
Shenandoah
From sandy beaches and Blue Ridge Parkway
And ten salutes I can do myself.
I'm from archival records and indigenous.
From the voices lost
To the experience
Used to keep me happy.

Under my bed was a purple box
Spilling memories
A valley of dandelions
To drift beneath my dreams.
I am from those moments -
Washing my face before I go to sleep.

- Sam

I am from the Lone Star State
From loud dogs and volcanic summers.
I am from the fun water parks under
the hot sun
Sweet funnel cakes, roundhouses,
it tasted like juicy steak.
I am from the dry winter season
the hours practicing for
Whose rigorous Cup Stacking
tournaments I remember
As if they were my own.

I'm from the Land of the Rising Sun
and superb sushi,
From the Blizzard state and spicy ramen.

I'm from the meowing of cats and the
Mountains of stuffies,
From huge parks with ziplines and the
laughter of friends!
With a fun time spent playing with them
And ten whole minutes walking to my friend's
house I can do myself.
I'm from colorful drawing and playing with nekos,
which are crazy and very adorable.
From soccer matches lost
To the other team,
Used to keep me playing.

Under my bed was a musou black cave
Spilling cool air,
A supercalifragilisticexpialidocious feeling of
satisfaction
To drift beneath my dreams
I am from those moments-
Practicing Cup stacking before I won
the tournament
my skill fallen from Covid making
the club disappear.

- Donnie Zmolek

I am from the Emerald City,
From mild forests and tapping rain
drops.
I am from the cloudy fog under the
blue sky.
Crab, oysters, it tasted like the salty ocean.
I am from the water puddles and
The shining stars from nights
Whose wet and bright I remember
As if they were my own.

I'm from the shy and "I love you",
From hardworking and "Thank you".
I'm from the beautiful long tail bettas and the
Slimy jellyfishes,
From the water, and swimming!
I'm from a keyboard instrument
With a white and black color
And ten music notes I can play myself.

I'm from concerts and awards,
Pencils, and worksheets.
From the sadness I've lost
To the achievements, used to keep me joyful.
Under my bed was a purple jar
Spilling hope,
A moment of pleasure
To drift beneath my dreams.
I am from those moments-
Of imagination before I flew-
Away fallen from a dandelion.

- Gabriel Ahn



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I am from Pearl of Orient Seas,
from red, white, blue, and yellow.
I am from the lovely noises under the songs.
The breeze, and the splashes, it tasted like
freedom.
I am from the beach
the salty ocean and the sandy shores
whose love of the corals I remember
as if they were my own.

I'm from the glitzy suns and crystal water,
from Sampaguita Jasmine and volleyball.
I'm from the humid summers and the
gentle winds,
from lumpia and pancit!
I'm from The Windy City
with a strumming guitar
and ten melodies I can play myself.
I'm from dandelions and feathery, white
chrysanthemums,
delightful echo and "I love you".
From the grandmother's voice lost
to the reminder,
used to keep me happy.

Under my bed was a purple box
spilling memories,
a glimpse of fantasies
to drift beneath my dreams.
I am from those moments
of peace before I awoke with lovely dreams falling
from clouds.

- Julianna

Where I'm From
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I am from purple sunsets, mountains, and
bluebonnet fields,
From Big ben and biscuits with tea.
I am from "Co-co co." under the hedge.
flowers, scraping knees, it tasted like fresh plums
from the tree.
I am from the games with Eliza and Juliet,
The Land of Shakespeare
Whose giant castles I would roam
As if they were my own

I'm from hellos and goodbyes,
From thistles and bulgogi.
I'm from the wind in my hair and the
Canterbury Cathedral,
From the Eiffel Tower and the Colosseum
And sapphire skies!
I'm from the red, white, and blue flags
On copper poles
And ten meals I can cook myself.
I'm from Chick-fil-a and firepits,
Trampoline flips at late nights and sunny, sandy
beaches.
From the Lone Star state lost
To the south, used to keep me in lazy dandelion
fields.

Under my bed was a painted bin
Spilling pictured memories and old plane tickets
A little box of shells
To drift beneath my dreams.
I am from these moments-
Reading books under the tree-
And teardrops often falling from the skies.

- Hannah Myers

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I am from the Land of the Sea
 From crystal blue water and yummy foods
 I am from the crashing waves under the orange sunsets
 Hot meat on a grill, it tasted like grilled fish
 I am from the soft sand at the beach
 The hot on my feet
 Whose pain I remember
 As if it were my own.

I'm from the burning sand and sapphire green water
 From vibrant hues and colorful fish
 I'm from the elegant sunsets and the Sunrises
 From the outdoor cats and bouni dogs!
 I'm from fiery weather all year
 With a rainy and dry season
 And ten arts and crafts i can do myself
 I'm from hot sand and brisk waters
 Crisp sunrises and beautiful sunsets
 From the beautiful town lost
 To the harsh Typhoon Mawar
 Up at night with PTSD

Under my bed was a shell
 Spilling water
 A glass of salt water
 To drift between my dreams
 I'm from those moments -
 Grade school before i graduated
 Firm feathers fallen from birds

- Tessa East



I'm from where the mountains rose today,
 from the Centennial state and where the gods used to lay.
 I'm from the islands, under the mango trees.
 Spicy, salty, it tasted like the waters.
 I am from the sweet lakes,
 the starry nights,
 whose home I remember as if they were my own.

I'm from the land of cowboys and equality,
 from the Deutschlands and the traditions of snow.
 I'm from the luminous stars and the red and white stripes,
 From the islands and serene oceans!
 I'm from the Last Frontier
 made with a constellation of gold
 and ten stories I can tell myself.
 I'm from the Land of The Morning Calm and 평택,
 Coming from The Pen of The East and Red Dragon.
 From the Pearls of The Seas lost
 to the 7 wonders of nature
 used to keep me thinking.

Under my bed was a story
 spilling a tale of culture
 a taste of history
 to drift beneath my dreams.
 I am from those moments-
 Dancing before I sung-
 Our art fell from the leaves.

- VVC

I am from someone very smart born,
 from holy Christmas markets and chewy pretzels.
 I am from the towering under the castles.
 Juicy, delicious, It tasted like sausage.
 I am from the greatest musician
 the Black Forest
 whose majestic trees I remember
 as if they were my own.

I'm from the Air force and stay-at-home,
 from the Land of Enchantment and Apache.
 I'm from the pueblos and the jagged peaks,
 from oceans and green grass!
 I'm from Adopt Me
 with a Naga dragon
 and ten exciting games I can play myself.
 I'm from beaches and sunshine,
 Tile roofs and BBQ.
 From the memories lost
 To the brain
 used to keep me wondering.

Under my bed was a wooden box
 Spilling purple dandelion seeds,
 A garden of wonder
 To drift beneath my dreams.
 I am from those moments-
 Years before I have grown-
 An apple supported by the family tree.

- Aaron Chang

I am from the Jazz Capital of the World,
 From colorful festivals and the bayou state.
 I am from the waiting lines under the shade.
 sunshine, trees, it tasted like raspberry tea.
 I am from the purple, yellow, and green beads
 the shiny decorated parade vehicles
 whose upbeat music I remember as if they were my own.

I'm from beautiful aquariums and wet sand,
 from vibrant flowers and roaring waterfalls.
 I'm from the enchanting scenery and the serene ocean,
 from seatherny and cold early mornings!
 I'm from brilliant rainbows
 with a brightly shining sun
 and ten songs involving the violin I can do myself.
 I'm from fortissimo and classical instruments,
 grand pianos and sheet music.
 From the soundproof rooms lost to the harmony of two notes,
 used to keep me entertained.

Under my bed was a box of childhood photos spilling
 nostalgia
 a memory of friends to drift beneath my dreams.
 I am from those moments -
 floating high on the swing before I leave-
 increasing altitude fallen as I am jumping off

- Tani Biancan



I am from magnolias
 From burning hot and humid
 I am from the crashing waves under the giant clouds.
 puffy vanilla ice cream, it tasted like a cool refreshment.
 I'm from the place of good mac and cheese
 the nice gooey pasta
 I remember
 as if it were my own .

I'm from slick noodles and hardy broth
 from fried chicken and hot, sizzling beef.
 I'm from the flooded rice paddies and the sticky dew
 from scrambled eggs and smokey fire!
 From baseball
 With blistering moonshots
 And ten home runs that I can make myself
 I am from colorful paper and origami
 Fabulous books and time reading.
 from the crashing waves lost
 to the icy snow cones
 to keep me refreshed.

Under my bed a group of magical pencils
 drawing joyful memories
 a splash of creativity
 to drift beneath my dreams.
 I am from those moments-
 of goodness before I fell asleep-
 helping fallen dreams
 go back.

- Vo

I am from the soft dry sand,
 from exotic seashells and the sky-blue waters.
 I am from the graceful sea under the pretty sunset.
 The drops of water, the ocean air, it tasted like frosty lemonade.
 I am from lush grass and flowers,
 the huge waves
 whose hurts I remember
 as if they were my own.

I'm from the rolling mountains and the coral reef,
 from starry night skies and the orange sky.
 I'm from the most beautiful oceans and the unique festivals,
 from crabs, fish and huge crashing waves!
 I'm from the hottest beaches
 with a yearlong dry season
 and ten piano songs I can play myself.
 I'm from seaweed and baby black tip sharks,
 best history stories and very good food.
 From the deepest blue waters lost
 to the harsh winter cold,
 used to keep me entertained.

Under my bed was a purple box
 spilling pictures of my dog,
 a memory of misery
 to drift beneath my dreams.
 I am from those moments disappointed before I arrived-
 dandelion attached to the family tree.

- Aiya Luby

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I am from the Lone Star state
From the birth of horizons and temples of power
I am from the birth of horizons under the orange
and steel skies
I'm from the state of independence, it tasted like
freedom
I am from the action movies, and loud music
Whose harsh sounds I remember
as if they were my own.

I'm from Buc-ee's and cowboy hats,
I'm from blue waters and crazy waves
I'm from the refreshing swimming pools and the
Exciting water parks,
from here and from there!
I'm from anywhere and everywhere
With a piano
and ten delightful melodies I can play myself.
I'm from volleyball and soccer
Planes And helicopters.
From the first A+,
to the circle of friends,
Used to keep me happy.

Under my bed was a music box
spilling waves
A mile of sand
to drift beneath my dreams.
I am from those moments-
Of deep peace before I awoke
With purple dreams fallen from
dandelion seeds.

- Jo'Ella Margason

I am from sugar,
From love and sweetness.
I am from the sparkles under the lavender.
purple stars, it tasted like the universe.
I am from the castle
The almighty prince
Whose love of the roasted swan like I remember
As if they were my own

I'm from The Land of the Rising Sun and sakuras,
From the ruby sun and lapis sea.
I'm from the World of Anime and the
Great mangas and animators,
From "Astro Boy" and "Kimba the White Lion!"
I'm from the sky-scraping city
With a cherry on top
And ten golden lights I can put on myself.
I'm from The Land of Fields and carrots,
Love apples and savory loaves.
From the words "Goodnight!" lost
To the voice of my grandmother,
Used to keep me joyful.

Under my bed was a clarinet
Spilling elegant music notes
A glimpse of radiance
To drift beneath my dreams.
I am from those moments-
I fell into before I landed onto dandelions-
Flower attached to the family tree.

- Agatha

I am from the Land of Canyons
from flaming sunsets and rare saguaros
I am from the roaring jets under the blues sky
Towering mountains and crisp air it tasted like
adventure
I am from the Land of Opportunity
the New World
whose people are free I remember
as if they were my own

I'm from El Tri donde las guitarras suenan fuerte
y el grito del mariachis
from los perros vagan por las calles and carne
chisporroteante y lemans agrios
I'm from the New Grande and the
golden violet sunsets,
from the Land of Coffee and shiny
emeralds!
I'm from the sucursal del cielo
with a spunk of cumbia
And ten purple dandelions I can paint
myself.
I'm from empanadas and sancocho,
Chilaquiles and queso fresco.
From the familia that I almost lost.
to the warm hugs and kisses,
used to keep me small like a baby

Under my bed was a book
Spilling knowledge out of the pages
One that stood out - a black page with white
writing that helped me achieve my goals
to drift beneath my dreams
I am from those moments that were cherished
before I stopped to wonder
Why did my parents say I fell from heaven?

- Armando Colorado

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I am from blizzard of pure white,
From crashing waves and lobsters of pure red.
I am from the dandelions under the fragrant pines
(mom's dinner, crab cakes, it tasted like heaven)
I am from the dandelions floating through the
stars,
The roaring baseball fans
Whose cheers I remember
as if they were my own

I'm from hockey rinks and purple perfume,
from pizza and burgers.
I'm from the snowboards and the
ice skates
From salt and seaweed
I'm from the loving family
With an embracing hug
And ten problems I can solve myself.
I'm from video games and red sox, sports,
and snow.
From the dear skies lost
Dark, stormy clouds
Which used to keep me sad

Under my bed was a forgotten Lego
Spilling loose Legos every day,
A producer of infinite creativity,
To drift beneath my dreams.
I am from those moments-
Build before you decorate
Rules fallen from society.

- Mason Sevold

I am from the land of the Rocky Mountains,
from dream lake and black bears.
I am from the Garden of the Gods under the water.
land, tree, it tasted like salt.
I am from the Pike Peak
the Centennial State
Whose dogs I remember
as if they were my own.

I'm from "Do your chores." and "Take the dogs out."
from "Don't hit your sisters." and "Do the dishes."
I'm from the running clubs
and the soccer clubs,
from your annoyance and I love you!
I'm from learning Swedish 24/7
With a little inspiration
and ten problems I can solve myself.
I'm from beauty and silence,
White and lavender flowers and dandelions.
From the fields lost
To the tree,
used to keep me alive.

Under my bed was a basket of blankets
spilling purple dandelions
A drift between the stars of the sky
To drift beneath my dreams
I am from those moments-
that I remember before I blink-
Peace and quiet fallen from my sleep.

- Allia

I am from the Rocky Mountains,
From the state of snow and the cave of winds.
I am from the Garden of the Gods
under the shade of Pikes
Peak.
In-N-Out, Chick-Fil-A, it
tasted like America's best.
I am from the dry state, with very
little rain
the land of my friends
Whose wonderful personalities I
remember
as if they were my own.

I'm from Old Dominion and Jamestown,
from the Blue Ridge music and the green forests.
I'm from the moist summers and the country music,
from the parks by my house and the Potomac River!
I'm from the Algonkian school
with a principal who cared
and ten activities I can do myself
I'm from my first and second grade teachers,
my friends and their homes.
From the purple sunsets lost
to the night that
used to keep my wondering

Under my bed was a hodge-podge of random things
spilling out onto my floor,
a wave of trash
to drift beneath my dreams
I am from those moments-
of seeing dandelions before I went to school in
the morning
of snowflakes fallen from the sky.

- Theodore Davidson



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I am from where red roses thrive
 From eagles flying proudly and waves roar
 I am from the Magic Dragon under the pine sprouts.
 I've seen the many trees they tasted like freedom.
 I am from crabs scurrying in the sand and tranquil ocean hit against your feet whose shells and animals I remember as if they were my own

I'm from the state of the peaches and the clouds soaring
 from the evergreen timber and raging sun
 I'm from where jellyfish swim and the Waves clash against each other,
 from the Queen of the Ozarks and flowing rivers!
 I'm from hawthorn blossoms with mules representing us and ten drawings I could do myself.
 I'm from purple nights and starry skies you could stare at forever
 dandelions sitting next to you as you gaze at the sky
 From burning smells that makes you worried lost to the burnt taste that lingers
 used to keep me from trying to cook again

Under my bed was a delightful bundle of lavender dandelions
 Spilling sweet honey like fragrance,
 A calming sensation of bliss
 To drift beneath my dreams.
 I am the moments
 Of exploring mountains before I splash into the cool sea
 Like a duck fallen from grace

- Natalie

I am from Christmas Markets,
 From big chocolates and yummy bratwursts.
 I am from the place of animals who live under the lovely trees
 Where I felt the warm embrace of a hug, it tasted like love.
 I am from the Black Forest and cuckoo clocks and The loud grasshoppers
 Whose sounds of company I remember
 As if they were my own.

I'm from small markets and lots of cows,
 From strawberries and old houses.
 I'm from the place with a simple flag and the Three colors of it are red, yellow, and black,
 From harsh schools and good lunches!
 I'm from a place where I can see the stars
 with a mighty glow when I look up in the sky
 And the shooting clusters to count that I can do myself.
 I'm from a place with fields of dandelions
 With a honey and candy sort of smell.
 From dead plants lost
 To the harsh cold winters and fireplaces
 That used to keep me warm as I slept in my bed.



Under my bed was a pile of hidden purple gummy bears
 Spilling onto the floor where there would be
 A lingering scent of grapes
 To drift beneath my dreams
 I am from those moments-
 Of picking fruits before I could reach the bushes and
 Eating apples that had fallen from the trees.

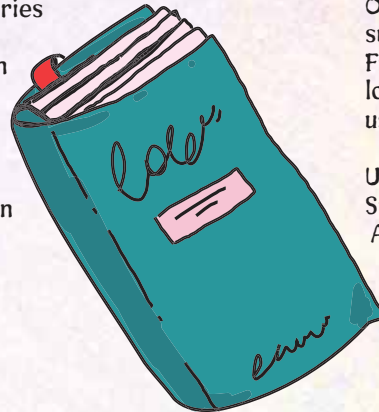
- Aurora

I am from the Land of the Chamorro
 From ocean waves crash and red rice.
 I am from the jungles under the hot sun.
 I've eaten good, juicy barbeque, it tasted like heaven.
 I am from the place where chickens roam and where
 The coconut trees sway in the wind
 Whose boars, the oceans, and food I remember
 As if they were my own.

I'm from the Lakers play basketball and the Mojave Desert
 From Joshua trees and the first Disneyland stands.
 I'm from the Bear Flag State and the Roaring cities
 From "I love you!" and "See you later!"
 I'm from the chirping pigeons
 With a field of dandelions sprouting out memories
 And ten drawings and games I can do myself.
 I'm from fast-food restaurants and where the Golden Bridge stands
 In-N-Out and traffic noises.
 From the old friends I've lost
 To the PCS and had made new friends
 Used to keep me warm and joyful.

Under my bed was a purple music box
 Spilling pleasant songs of past thoughts
 A bunch of feelings
 To drift my dreams.
 I am from those memories
 Playing with snow
 before I freeze my own hands
 Like a bird fallen from
 a tree full of sleet.

- Gwyn



I'm from the hot streets waves
 from jumping cactus balls all over my shoes and year long heat.
 I am from the yellow place with some green under the hut I built with sticks.
 (The smell of a full moon, it tasted like delicious happiness.)
 I am from the land of my friend Louis
 the gorilla tag teacher
 whose trampoline games i remember
 as if they were my own.

I'm from a desert place and into the ocean,
 from blue seas and white skies.
 I'm from the Leaning Tower Of Pisa and the salty ocean, from dust devils and scorpions!
 I'm from Minecraft
 with a defeated dragon
 and ten red stone creations I can build myself.
 I'm from grilled cheese and potato chips,
 pizza and hamburgers.
 From the elementary school lost
 to the PCS,
 used to keep me happy.

Under my bed was a dandelion backpack
 spilling purple notebooks,
 a reminder of homework
 to drift beneath my dreams.
 I am from those moments-
 nervous before joy-
 I am attached to the family tree.

- Alex Gilbert

I am from farmlands,
 From the smell of manure and tall trees.
 I am from the dark days under the sky.
 Pizza, pasta, it tasted like a delicacy.
 I am from the land of Christmas markets,
 The amazing mountains,
 Whose homes remember
 As if they were my own.

I'm from the smell of stink bugs and burger places,
 From the stormy nights and Fun Run races.
 I'm from the country of spaghetti and the skiing resorts,
 from the Land Near the Sea and Land of the Free!
 I'm from the hot sunny days
 with a ton of beaches
 and ten swimming styles I can do myself.
 I'm from cool nights and the smell of plants,
 Orange and purple sunsets and clouds lost to the sunrise.
 From the beautiful scenery
 lost to the cicada noises outside my house,
 used to keep me awake all night.

Under my bed was a bucket,
 Spilling purple paint,
 A reminder of my life
 To drift beneath my dreams.
 I am from those moments -
 Of happiness before I PCS-
 Like a dandelion attached to the military.

- Erick Morales

I am from the Last Frontier
 From Denali and Mount Roberts
 I am from the Moose's Iceberg
 Under the ice
 Sparkly, snow, it tasted refreshing.
 I am from alien bases
 The rumors
 Whose classified, secrets i remember
 As if they were my own.

I'm from " I love you. " and " GO BE GREAT! "
 From " Malo'elelei " and "Talofa. "
 I'm from the Rugby and the Volleyball
 From basketball and soccer!
 I'm from softball
 With a home run
 And ten purple cupcakes I can make myself.
 I'm from beauty and loudness
 Delicate flower and grizzlies
 From the birds chirping lost
 To the blue sky
 Used to keep me alive.

Under my bed was a Dandelion monster
 Spilling turtle memories
 A river of fluffy seeds
 To drift beneath my dreams.
 I am from those moments
 That i remember before I talk
 Peace and quiet fallen from my sleep.

- Meleseleisa Ulukivaiola

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I am from the Land of Morning Calm,
from the shining city and the land of the flower.
I am from the land with the tower shining upon
under the glistening moon.
Red, White, and blue, it tasted like freedom.
I am from the rolling rivers
the wicking winds whose fragments I remember
as if they were my own.

I'm from the flag of red, blue, white, and black and
mountains,
from under the stars and a purple night sky.
I'm from the trails of the cherry blossoms and the
fragment Pine Trees, from the dandelions who
travel and the lost souls along the way!
I'm from those moments of joy with a taste of
freedom
and ten notes I can do myself.
I'm from "Good Morning" and "How's Your Day?",
"Do your Homework" and "Goodnight".
From the day of the border lost
to the years on,
It used to keep me confused in my mind.

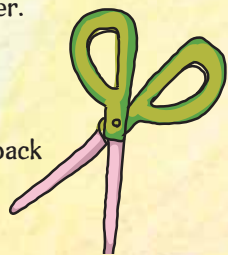
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trauma
spilling through my mind in fear,
a monster of anxiety of a demon in its full form
to drift beneath my dreams.
I am from those moments -
of depression before I cried within my life.
It feels like I have fallen from the clouds above.

- Caleb

I am from the Garden State,
From basketball and supportive teams.
I am from sizzling hot dogs under the blazing sun.
Sandy, beaches, it tasted like salt water.
I am from the fields of perfect peppers
The expansive farms
Whose shades of green I remember
As if they were my own.

I'm from Damme Hills and standing-at-attention
sunflowers,
From fluffy snow and fast sleds.
I'm from the Christmas markets and the
Delicious bratwurst,
From pretzel bakeries and flaky croissants.
I'm from the majestic mountains
With a cherry on top
And ten backyard trees I can climb myself.
I'm from chocolate and the yummy meat,
Frosty donuts and sparkling water.
From the friends lost
To the PCS,
Used to keep me happy.

Under my bed was a purple backpack
Spilling dandelions
A field of memories
To drift beneath my dreams
I am from those moments-
Energetic before i settled-
An apple attached to the family tree.



- Eli

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I am from the land of the double-decker bus,
from queens and The Little Prince.
I am from the chemical capital of the world
under credit cards.

The first state to ratify, it tasted like
freedom.

I am from the Empire state
the statue of liberty
whose flame I remember
as if they were my own.

I'm from Paul and Gina,
from bulgogi and rice.
I'm from the cars in New York City and the
jets that wake me up at night,
from train museums and steam locomotives!
I'm from Legos
with a banana
and ten designs I can do myself.

I'm from sharks and small roller coasters,
yummy cheesecake and the big city.
From the crash of lightning lost
to purple boogeyman,
used to keep me from the millennium falcon.

Under my bed was a bunch of stuffed animals
spilling characters,
a passed away fish of sewers
to drift beneath my dreams.
I am from those moments -
two sisters before I was born -
dandelion attached to the family.

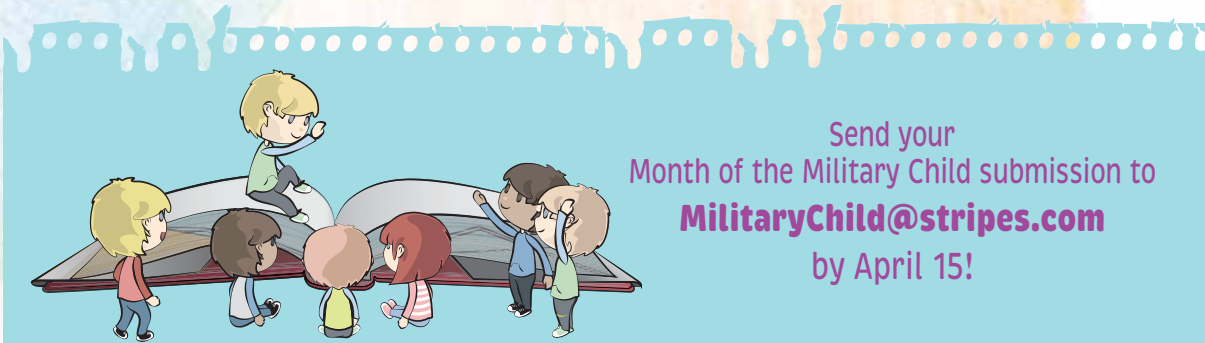
- Harry

I am from Bean Town,
from the coasts of a harbor and screeching
seagulls.
I am from the stolen masterpieces under the
garden.
Four leaf clovers, gelato, it tasted like a
basketball game
I am from the waters of a historical place
the party about tea
whose people are fighting for a plea. I remember
As if they were my own.

I'm from Red Sox and Harvard,
from the Mayflower and the 13 colonies.
I'm from the smells of seawater and the
fishes from an aquarium,
from Fenway Park and Yummy Peanuts!
I'm from the Museum of Science
with a weird smell
and ten exhibits I can see myself
I'm from Isabella Stewart Garden and art pieces,
flowers and dragonflies.
From the pieces lost
to the thieves of Isabella Stewart Garden,
used to keep me away from happiness.

Under my bed was a dandelion
spilling seeds,
a purple night of chirping birds
to drift beneath my dreams.
I am from those moments -
I wake up before I realized -
moving away, fallen from memories.

- Ryleigh



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I am from the Great Land,
from the snowy white winters and long flights.
I am from the cold caverns under the spikey cacti.
Mom's dinner, fresh waffles, it tasted like heaven.
I am from the trimmed grass in my backyard
the exciting amusement parks
Whose loud screaming I remember
as if they were my own

I'm from ris and grød (rice and porridge) and red
hair,
from built Legos and a tall tower
I'm from the raw eggs and the
major rivers,
from moving and small islands!
I'm from the loud jets
cool tail flash
and ten difficult assignments that I can do myself.
I'm from family games and fast running,
playing guitar and deafening singing.
From the loud recorder lost
to the times I didn't play
used to keep me forever young.

Under my bed was a purple box
spilling live dandelions,
a miniature piece of my history
To drift beneath my dreams.
I am from those moments -
with my family before I die -
eating food fallen from above.

- Louis Farrer

I am from the Manila Cathedral,
from hot mornings and lots of rain.
I am from the jade green rainforests under the
clear blue skies.
Soaring cliffs, it tasted like adobo.
I am from the turquoise waters,
The white sand beaches
Whose islands i remember
As if they were my own


I from rice terraces and fishing boats
From Chief and Stay-at-Home.
I'm from the Yongsan and the
Koi pond,
From photographs and family!
I'm from the violin
With a rosined bow
And ten melodies I can play myself.
I'm from animating and soccer,
Nature and friends.
From the eagles lost to the PCS
Used to keep me delighted.

Under my bed was a antique chess board
Spilling stoic kings and queens,
A bounty of strategies
To drift beneath my dreams.
I am from those moments-
A purple dandelion before I became a Cougar.
Phenomenal lavender attached to the family
tree.

- Patricia Fitzgerald



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 I am from the land of the rising sun,
from the tan sand, and the blue ocean.
I am from the place where cars roam under
the city lights.
I ate ramen, it tasted like the salty sea.
I am from the pits of snow and fields
of trees,
the deer whose gracefulness I
remember
as if it was my own.

I'm from the land of green macha fields and pink
flowers,
from vibrant cherry blossom trees and peaceful
forests.
I'm from the sound of cicadas and the
sound of trees, from the peaceful temples, and
shrines!
I'm from the violin, with a stroke of my bow I
play ten sheets of music I can play myself
I'm from the nature and the smell of
grass and water.
From the koi fish
lost to the river
used to keep at bay.

Under my bed was a glass bottle
spilling a purple note and
a dandelion full of memories
to drift beneath my dreams
I am from those moments-
Of happiness before I PCS-
I've fallen from my usual ways.

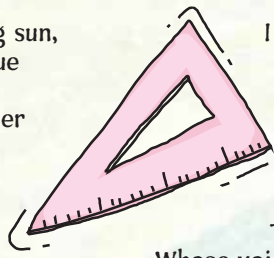
- Josephine Enomoto

I am from the hot orange mountains,
from jumping needles and to hot heat.
I am from the spiky cactus under the moonlight.
Pizza, it tasted like Little Caesars
I am from the tropical area
the beach
The Ellie friend I remember
as if she were my own.

I'm from McDonalds and Jordan store,
from the protecting base and hot dogs.
I'm from the pollution and the
dusty desert,
from tower and base exchange!
I'm from Minecraft
with a controller
and ten necessary tools I get myself.
I'm from basketball and soccer, coyotes and
Subway.
From Luke Elementary lost
to the PCS,
used to keep me happy.

Under my bed was a purple suitcase
spilling memories of Ellie,
a miniature world of dandelions
to drift beneath my dreams.
I am from those moments -
lost before I was found -
a leaf attached to the family tree.

- Josiah Spears



I am from the Land of the Rising Sun,
from red and white.
I am from the vast ocean under the
shining stars.
The night, the day, it tasted like
harmony.
I am from the crashing waves
The shimmer of the sea
Whose voice I remember as if it were my own

I am from The Last Frontier and the fluffy white
snow,
from the dog sleds and Northern Lights.
I'm from the Sooner State and the BBQ,
from the loud cows and whirling tornadoes!
I'm from screaming as the thunder boomed
With a loving family
And ten hours of drawing I could do myself.
I'm from purple and dandelions,
ruby and denim sapphire.
From the friends lost
to the memories,
Used to keep me tearful.

Under my bed was a box spilling pictures,
a sign of hope
To drift beneath my dreams.
I am from those moments-
in life before I grow-
I've fallen from heights.
But nothing drags me down.

- Carsynn Martinez

I am from scorching deserts
From Home of the Diamond Backs and Cardinals
I am from copper mines under the canyon.
Sunny skies, it tasted like low humidity.
I am from red rocks
The Grand Canyon
Whose ravines I remember
As if they were my own.

I'm from cactus written and turquoise
From petrified wood and 22 tribes.
I'm from the dry wind and the
Purple and orange sunsets,
From national forests and parks!
I'm from a Fortnite world
With a battle
And ten outfits I can do myself.
I'm from downpours and sparse amounts of snow,
Neighborhood animals and birds singing in the
morning.
From the Valentine State lost
To the Apache State
Used to keep me calm.

Under my bed was a stone
Spilling rivers
A cloud of water
To drift beneath my dreams.
I am from those moments -
Outside before I PSCd
Dandelion seeds fallen from the sky.

- Jimi



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I am from the Land of Wild Animals
From foxes and rabbits
I am from the muddy water under the
Gateway Arch
cheesy corn, ravioli, it tasted like provolone.
I am from the Silver Dollar City
the forest park
whose I caves I remember
As if they were my own.

I'm from big snow and winters,
from hot and cool summers
I'm from the BBQ and the
Butter cake,
from "hello" and "thank you!"
I'm from reading
with a book
and ten "Do your homework!" I can complete
myself.
I'm from bobcats and mountain lions,
fox squirrels and American minks
From the outdoors lost
to the forest,
Used to keep me awake.

Under my bed was a purple box
spilling random things,
a kind of pencil
to drift beneath my dreams.
I am from those moments-
Doing my homework before I play outside with
friends-
Dandelions fallen from the bridges.

- Alyx Talbot



I am from the Aloha state
From clams, coconuts, papaya, and
pineapples.
I am from the bright sky under the
cooling palm trees
I am from the rainbows
The shaved ice
Whole frosty taste I remember as if
it were my own.

I'm from the bedroom I sleep and shelter I stay,
from family and food.
I'm from the ohana and the dandelions glowing in
a vase,
from the camo uniforms and jets surfing in the
sky!
I'm from the SED
With crowds of workers
And ten units of happiness I can create myself.
I'm from the allies I've made and the hallways I
roam,
"Hey, good morning!" and the last goodbye,
From the friends in my adventure lost
to the travel and the memories that are
used to keep me and my emotions stable.

Under my bed an antique chest
Spilling memories painted with purple
A floor filled with reflections
To drift beneath my dreams
I am from those moments-
Broke before I flew
A branch attached to the family tree.

- Zaien

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I am from the Sooners
From the Land Rush of 1889 and cowpokes.
I am from the arid plains under the light blue sky,
Lakes, campgrounds, it tasted like sizzling toasted marshmallows.
I am from the Appalachian Plateau
The Blue Ridge
Whose fragrant green forests I remember
As if they were my own.

I'm from Lotte World and Six Flags,
From Patriot Missiles and Uncle Sam.
I'm from the Kentucky racing tracks and the
Festive Derby hats,
From bluegrass and KFC!
I'm from soft strumming
With a guitar
And ten songs I can play myself.
I'm from tile roofs and rice
paddies,
Ginkgo trees and BBQ.
From the devoted Ronan lost
To the ages,
Used to keep me happy.

Under my bed was a blanket chest
Spilling strong, powerful horses,
A reminiscing of a friend
To drift beneath my dreams.
I am from those moments -
Contented before I PSCd -
I am a purple dandelion attached to the family tree.



- Layla Southern

I am from the land of gold and poppies,
From Death Valley and Legoland
I am from the beaches under the Golden Gate Bridge
Plants, crops, they tasted like fruits and vegetables.
I am from the Land off Almonds and Walnuts
The outdoor BBQ
Whose fiery heat and taste I remember as if it
were my own

I'm from flower fields and Disneyland,
From roller coasters and California rolls.
I'm from the SeaWorld and the loud bugs,
from "Did you throw the trash?" and "Don't touch
that!"
I'm from loud cars driving
with a good plan
and ten tasks I can do myself.
I'm from hot, dry summers and cold, wet winters,
Many schools and tourist attractions.
From the friends lost
to the PCS,
used to keep me comfortable.

Under my bed was a purple backpack
spilling memories,
A symbol of happiness
to drift beneath my dreams.
I am from those moments-
sad before I was delighted-
A seed fallen from a dandelion.

- Jacob Ares

I am from The Land of the Morning Calm.
From hanboks and temples.
I am from the Cheonggyecheon under the
Gyeongbokgung Palace.
Noodles, hot water, it tasted like Kal-Guksu.
I am from the sound of sizzling meats
The pink cherry blossoms
Whose BBQ I remember
As if it were my own.

I'm from the Seoul Tower and museums
From mugunghwa and Guksu
I'm from the delicious kalguksu and the Haebaragi
From myeon and jajangmyeon!
I'm from pizzas
With different toppings
And ten mango pieces I can eat myself.
I'm from the cold snow and polluted air,
curry and bulgogi
From the delicious restaurant lost
To the kind employees
Used to keep me safe and warm.

Under my bed was a purple dandelion
Spilling memories through my head
An act of bravery
To drift beneath my dreams.

I am from those moments -
Flashback before I woke up -
To a world fallen from my dreams.
Awakened to the light of the world.

- Charlie Phares

I am from The Land of the Free
From the lone star ranches and oil
I am from the Land of the Brave under the
country of maple syrup
BBQ, juicy brisket,
it tasted like liquid
gold

I am from the Sooner
State
The Land of Route 66
Whose oily fried food I
remember
As if they were my own.

I am from Gather of Info and Stay- at-Home
From fireman and knitter
I'm from the nuclear engineer and the builder of
homes
From the land of the red bud and place of the
rose
I'm from the place of bluebonnets
With a great BBQ
And ten herds of cows I can see myself.
I'm from the land of beef and the Alamo
Rodeos and oil.
From the place of Big Ben lost
To President JFK
Used to keep me up at night.

Under my bed was a purple glow
Spilling bravery and
a flow of freedom
To drift beneath my dreams
I am from those moments
of learning before I was here
allowed me to be fallen dandelion of the free.

- Renier McGarry

I am from the Gem of the Mountains
From the tall, snowcapped peaks and amethyst.
I am from the vibrant Basque Block under the
Rivergreen Belt.
Cold winters, and hot summers, it tasted like the
perfect mixture.
I am from the sage-covered deserts
The ravaged volcanic fields
Whose smoky scent I remember
as if they were my own.

I'm from the Craters of the Moon and the Valley of
the Sun
From the Shoshone and the Bruneau.
I'm from the land of fishing and the
joy of hiking and white water
From yama to yama and kawa to kawa!
I'm from the floating dandelions
With purple uniforms
And ten seedlings i can plant myself.
I'm from Espanol and ginkgo tree,
event planner, and manager.
From the friends lost to the PCS,
Used to keep me company.

Under my bed was a soul filled with
DETERMINATION,
Spilling out BRAVERY, JUSTICE, PERSEVERANCE, and
A touch of KINDNESS
To drift beneath my dreams.
I am from those moments -
Once upon a time before I traversed
The rangy mountain of Mt. Ebutt.

- Isuraeru U*ebbu

Where I'm From
Inspired by George Ella Lyon

I am From
the Land of
Fragrant Apple Orchards
from Wenatchee Valley and The
Evergreen State.

I am from Sports Paradise under the temperate
rainforest,
gripping arts, and culture it tasted like Starbucks
Coffee.
I am from Mount Rainier
the Pacific Rhododendron
whose fragrance I remember
as if they were my own.


I'm from the Woodland Park Zoo and the Olympic
National Park,
from Palouse Falls and cozy winter getaways.
I'm from the motto of "Hope for the Future"
and the flag of the American President
From the wilderness coast under the American
Goldfinch eye!
I'm from ebony and ivory
with a damper
And ten selections I can play myself.
I'm from the only green state flag and
The home to 300 colleges,
The 42nd state and connecting ferries.
From the Cougar football lost
to the Cardinals,
used to keep me intense.

Under my bed was a vase full of dandelions
spilling purple pedals,
A bright light
as bright as me
to drift beneath my dreams.
I am from those moments -
think before I act and work before I play-
as another pedal falls from the crimson roses.

- Sonia Wilson



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 I'm from the Lone Star State,
From the wild west and dusty roads.
I am from the small house under the
bright sun.
Brown, brick, it tasted like home.
I am from the blazing heat
The old dog
Whose love I remember
As if it were my own.

I'm from rocky hills and rattlesnakes,
From barbeque stands and country music.
I'm from the blue bonnets and the dry grass,
From large trucks and oil pumps!
I'm from a crazy town
With a BB gun
And ten shots I can do myself.
I'm from Blue Bell ice cream and campfires,
Sheet cake and The Alamo.
From the dusty lands lost
To the dark thunder,
Used to keep me inside.

Under my bed was a small purple letter
Spilling hopeful thoughts of,
A long story of friendship
To drift beneath my dreams.
I am from those moments-
Glad before I leave home-
A small dandelion fallen from its
perfect house.

- Rebecka



I am from the land of the pizza,
From fresh grapes and mozzarella.
I am from the rolling hills and white lilies under the
ruins of a fallen city.
Village, markets they tasted like ravioli.
I am from the Leaning Tower of Pisa.
The honorable Romans.
Whose civilization I remember.
As if they were my own.

I'm from "Do your chores." and "Go take the dog out."
From "Don't hit your brother!" and "Do the dishes."
I'm from the run clubs and the
volleyball teams.
From "Love you!" and "You're crazy!"
I'm from "Learn your Italian!"
With a little inspiration.
And ten problems I can solve myself.
I'm from beauty and silence,
Dandelions and sunflowers,
From the lime green fields
To the trees
Used to keep me alive.

Under my bed was a purple lilac
Spilling memories of departure
A disappointing and tearful past
To drift beneath my dreams.
I am from those moments
Bel Paese before the Land of Morning Calm.

- Julia D.

I am from a small neighborhood,
From The Sooner State, and The Freedom Country.
I am from the grassy backyard under the freezing
cold rain.
Fluffy Dogs, Soccer, it tasted like egg drop soup.
I am from the blazing hot sun and soft clouds.
The quiet mornings
Whose bird songs I remember
as if they were my own.

I'm from all kinds of sushi and miso soup,
From chocolate frozen yogurt and pink cherry
blossoms.
I'm from where the owl hoots and the
Freezing sparkling snow.
From soft squishy pillows and hot irons!

I'm from a place where the sound of jets echo
through
With deafening thunder during rainstorms
And ten piano pieces I can play myself.
I'm from the place where people eat hamburgers
and grilled cheese sandwiches,
Beef bone soup, and bao zis.
From the place where I made snowmen lost
To the heat of the sun
Used to keep me moving and PCSing.

Under my bed was a mint blue suitcase
Spilling dandelions and purple T-Shirts
A sad symbol of change
To drift beneath my dreams.
I am from those moments -
Playing with friends before I moved
Fallen from my past.

- Anonymous

I am from rainy and gloomy gray
From hot and dry and cold and wet
I am from the place that's under the shimmery stars
sky, the night it tasted like lemon lime.

I am from the garden of green
The ocean blue
Whose salty and sweet array I remember
As if it were my own.

I am from the land of smiles and waves
From left and right
I'm from the tropical storms and the
Hot rain
From lightning and thunder!
I'm from purple dandelions flying high
And ten hours of singing I can do myself
I'm from Independent and strong
Confident and song
From The Long Lost
To The City of Ember,
Used to keep me up at night so I can read.

Under my bed was a box of books
Spilling stories of past and present
A note of music
To drift beneath my dreams.
I am from those moments
I spread my wings before I jump
A dove fallen from up high.
If I believe I can fly.

- Natalie Gates

I am from the Centennial State
From skiing and river rapids
I am from the fragrant pines under the Pikes Peak.
red, white, and blue, it tasted like freedom.
I am from the Land of 24 hours
the bright neon signs
whose blazing sun and casinos I remember
as if they were my own.

I'm from valuable gold and tumbling sagebrush,
from the Valley of Fire and Buddah at Kamakura.
I'm from the glowing lights and
One of the Seven Modern Civil Engineering Wonders.
From the awesome Raptor and the Thunderbolt !!
I'm from dark winter sunsets
with a blank canvas
and ten creations I can paint myself.
I'm from Seoraksan and Han,
Loud waterfalls and colorful fish.
From the Blue Falcons lost
to the Google Meet,
used to keep me in touch.

Under my bed was a purple suitcase
spilling past memories,
a language of happiness
to drift beneath my dreams.
I am from those moments -
joyous with my friends before I soared across the world-

- Anonymous 2

just a dandelion seed fallen from the flower.
This will be my fresh start, and it won't be my last.

I am from the Sunshine State,
from the pink flamingos and palm trees.
I am from the crashing waves, under the great
seafood.
from the nets of fishers, it tasted like crab.
I am from the state where it's the wettest and
hottest.
The place where it rains the hardest,
Whose food from its oceans, I remember as if my
own.

I'm from endless waters and restless people,
from the Northeast and the orange blossoms.
I'm from the busiest streets and the
Greatest teams,
from places of jazz and country!
I'm from the place with Disney World
With a shopping demeanor
And ten musical pieces I can learn and play myself.
I'm from the heat of sand, and the bundle of palm
trees.
From the missions lost
To the cities,
Used to keep me entertained.

Under my bed was a backpack
Spilling purple-colored pencils.
A beautiful opportunity of a reason
To drift beneath my dreams
I am from those moments -
Watching tv before I went to bed
Calming down like dandelions fallen from the top
of houses.

- Carmen J.

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I am from Bukchon Hanok Village,
From mugunghwa and Everland.
I am from the church under the cherry blossoms.
grass, sunrise, it tasted like frozen yogurt.
I am from the great wolf lodge
The towers
Whose dogs and cats I remember
As if they were my own.

I'm from Korean barbecue and Korean chicken,
From spicy rice cakes and Wendy's.
I'm from the jets flying and the kids screaming,
From buses and wind blowing!
I'm from K-pop
With a hot and cold season
And ten creations I can draw myself.
I'm from a beach and picnic,
Sun and soft clouds,
From the homework lost
To the straight A(s),
Used to keep me awake.

Under my bed was a dandelions
Spilling purple paint,
A zoo of hope
To drift beneath my dreams.
I am from those moments-
In life before I ate-
Oranges fallen from trees.

- Reagan Fowler

CELEBRATING MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

HUMPHREYS CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Name: Jacob March 12, 2024
Humphreys Central Elementary School, NOK
Kindergarten Class 2023-2024

I am a military kid going to the playground.

- Jacob

Name: Miguel March 12, 2024
Humphreys Central Elementary School, NOK
Kindergarten Class 2023-2024

I am a military kid I like to make new friends

- Miguel

Name: Aliyah March 12, 2024
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Kindergarten Class 2023-2024

I am a military kid I like to go to new places

- Aliyah

Name: Alonzo March 12, 2024
Humphreys Central Elementary School, NOK
Kindergarten Class 2023-2024

I will make new friends.

- Alonzo

Name: Jasmine March 12, 2024
Humphreys Central Elementary School, NOK
Kindergarten Class 2023-2024

I like being a military y I like making new friends

- Jasmine



Name: Bodhi March 12, 2024
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I like being a military kid my dad goes away.

- Bodhi

Name: CJ March 12, 2024
Humphreys Central Elementary School, NOK
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I MISS MY DAD HAS TO GO TO THE OFFICE.

- CJ

Name: Vallery March 12, 2024
Humphreys Central Elementary School, NOK
Kindergarten Class 2023-2024

I am a military kid my dad's in the military.

- Vallery

Name: Elaina March 12, 2024
Humphreys Central Elementary School, NOK
Kindergarten Class 2023-2024

I can't draw and I pretend am a military kid

- Elaina

Name: Nevaeh March 12, 2024
Humphreys Central Elementary School, NOK
Kindergarten Class 2023-2024

I can make new friends I like being a military kid

- Nevaeh

Name: Emi March 12, 2024
Humphreys Central Elementary School, NOK
Kindergarten Class 2023-2024

I thank my hard working A MILITARY DAD

- Emi

Name: Delilah March 12, 2024
Humphreys Central Elementary School, NOK
Kindergarten Class 2023-2024

I am a military kid I like to make new friends

- Delilah

Name: Quinlan March 12, 2024
Humphreys Central Elementary School, NOK
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I like military dogs I like being a military

- Quinlan

Name: Hiro March 12, 2024
Humphreys Central Elementary School, NOK
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It will be fun being a military kid when its his birthday you wish fine stuff like a car or a house

- Hiro

Name: Jaxon March 12, 2024
Humphreys Central Elementary School, NOK
Kindergarten Class 2023-2024

I like being a military kid

- Jaxon

Name: Mia March 12, 2024
Humphreys Central Elementary School, NOK
Kindergarten Class 2023-2024

I like trying new things but sometimes my parents leave

- Mia

Name: Makai March 12, 2024
Humphreys Central Elementary School, NOK
Kindergarten Class 2023-2024

I will try new things I like being a military

- Makai

Name: Henry March 12, 2024
Humphreys Central Elementary School, NOK
Kindergarten Class 2023-2024

I like to visit new places and see things from new countries like to draw and I like to make new friends.

- Henry

Name: Isabel March 12, 2024
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I can make new friends We make a lot

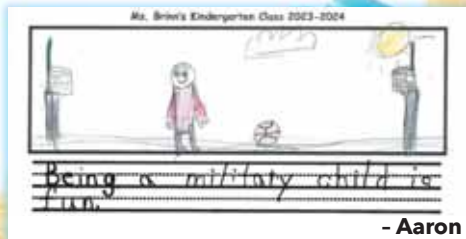
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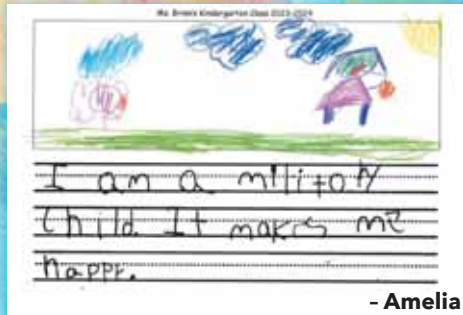
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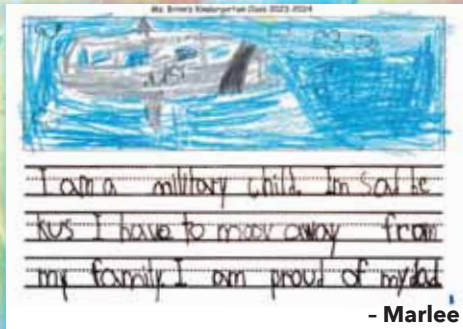
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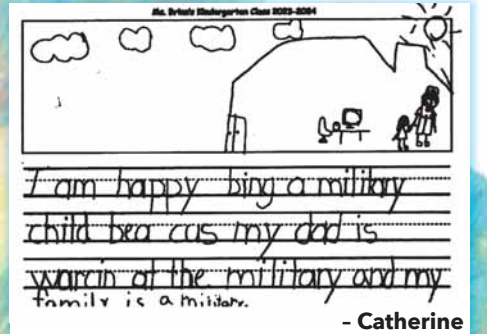
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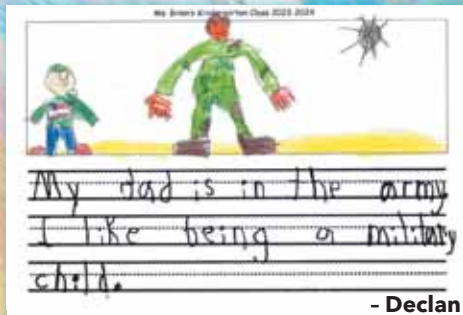
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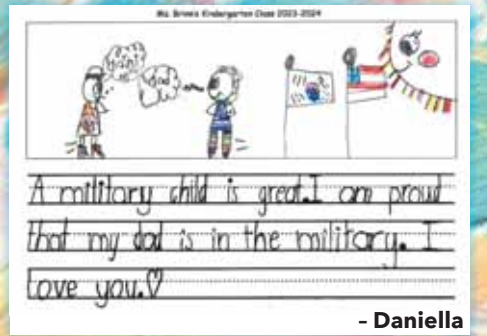
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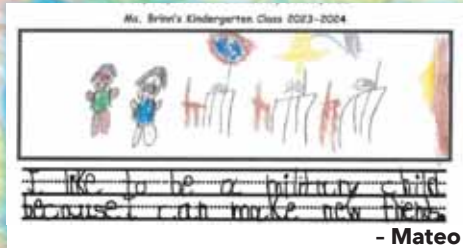
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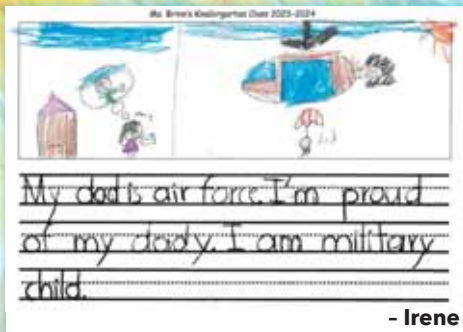
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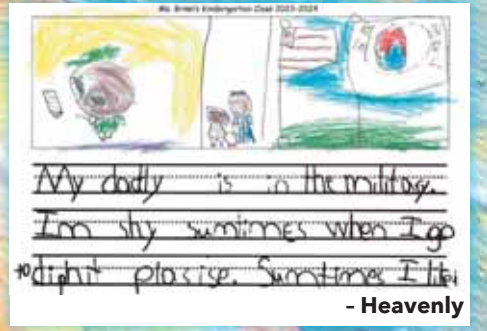
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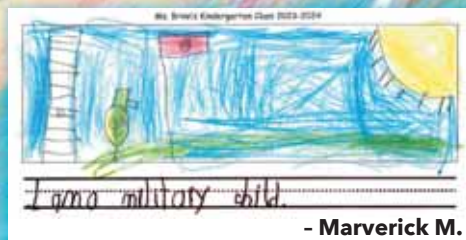
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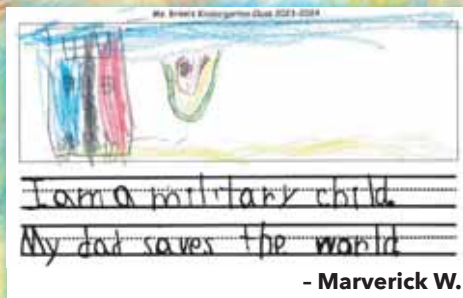
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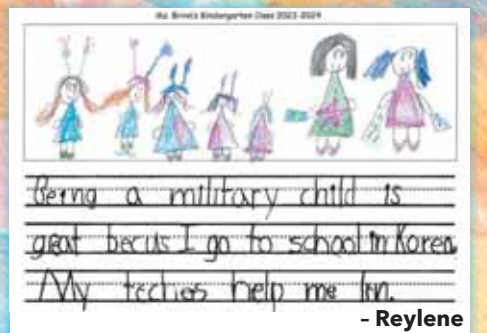
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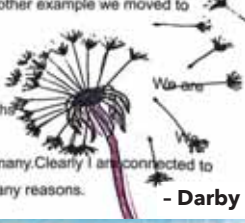


- Rebecca



- Reylene

Connected to the military for many reasons. One reason I'm connected to the military is because my Dad works in the military. For example he stays up late so we are sleeping when he comes. Another reason I'm connected to the military is because we moved two times. For example we moved one time to Japan. Another example we moved to Korea. Also I am connected to the military because we are moving in 3 months. For example we are going to Germany. Clearly I am connected to the military for many reasons.



- Darby

I am connected to the military because my Father is in the army. We moved 4 times from California to Missouri to Texas to Korea. We lived in America and Asia. Because I am in the army I get to go to a lot of places. That is why I am connected to the military. I love the Military.



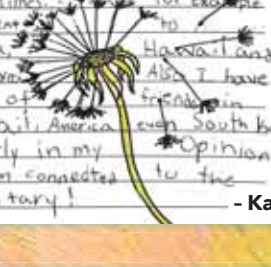
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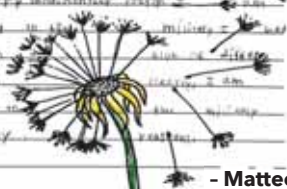
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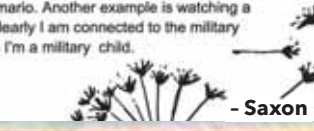
- Matteo

I am connected to the military because my mom and dad are in the Army. One reason I am connected to the military is I was born in Korea. Another reason is I have traveled to many countries like Korea and USA. I had a chance to visit my family in Vietnam while my dad was working. She been stationed in Korea, Japan, Hawaii, Texas, and Kentucky. But the only time I saw her was when she is in Texas. My dad is in the Army and we are going back to Texas to visit my 2 Aunties. Next year my mom is going back to Korea to help Korean army. So clearly I'm a military child.



- Gina

My dad is in the military. One reason I'm connected to the military is no bills, for example no electric bills. Another example: no gas bills. Another reason he showed me his work. For example office. Another example is fixing cars. Also I am connected to the military when he is not working. For example, playing Mario. Another example is watching a movie. Clearly I am connected to the military because I'm a military child.



- Saxon

My Dad is in the military. And my mom is in the military. I live on a military post. I travel to many places. Every one in my family is in the military. And I have military friends. And I go to military school.



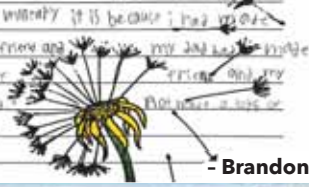
- Rowen

My Dad is in the military. That's my military connection. My Dad has been to Vietnam. He was there for a long time. He left when I was 7 years old. He has been in the military for 7 years. I think he went to war with his friends. I miss him when he was gone. When he came home we surprised him by making posters to welcome him home. Then my Dad moved to Korea and we moved with him. I love Korea as a family. I am proud of him because he is doing hard work. I like being a military kid because it is fun. We are being a lot of different things. Always like to try some. When we travel I am a military child. We celebrate different holidays. We go to try famous foods like Kimchi and Corned Beef. The strawberries are my favorite. I get to visit new



- Amia

I am connected to the military for many reasons. One reason I am connected to the military is because my dad is in the military. He has been in the military for 2 years. We have a different connection. Another reason I am connected to the military is because I had lots of friends and my dad was my friend. I had a lot of friends and my dad was my friend.



- Brandon

I am connected to the military for many reasons. One reason is my dad works a lot with his job. So when he gets home he has to do it for some time. I miss him when he is gone. I love to go to the military base. I love to go to the military base. I love to go to the military base. I love to go to the military base.



- Louis

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- Roderik

My Dad is in the military. And I am connected to the military because my dad works for the military. Also I am connected to the military because my dad goes to different work from his job. The military is a good job. I love to go to the military base. I love to go to the military base. I love to go to the military base. I love to go to the military base.



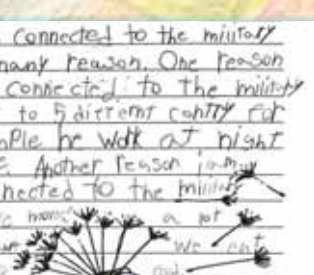
- Ariana

I am connected to the military for many reasons. One reason I am connected to the military is because of my dad and how he taught for the past 17 years. For example, if my dad went to Japan then we wouldn't be in America anymore. Another reason I am connected to the military is that I have a lot of relatives around the world. For example at Christmas all my relatives come to my house and there was a lot of them. Also I am connected to the military because I am brave and heroic in scary situations. For example when my dad brought me to the climbing park where I climbed a hundred feet up in mid air. Clearly I am connected to the military for many reasons.



- Maxwell

I am connected to the military because my dad works at the middle school and he teaches military kids. We were connected to the military and they paid for our flight. We live off base, but we go to shop on base. Sometimes we go to shop off base but it is very expensive. So we go to shop on base.



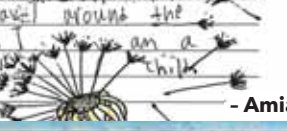
- William

My dad is in the Army. We got to go to different places. We go to different go to different places because he has to go to different stations. We have been to 4 different continents. He goes to the battlefield. He goes to the battlefield for training. The town is for us. My dad has been in the Army for 10 years. He works for the Army. He helps the world to be a better place. Those are some reasons I am connected to the military!



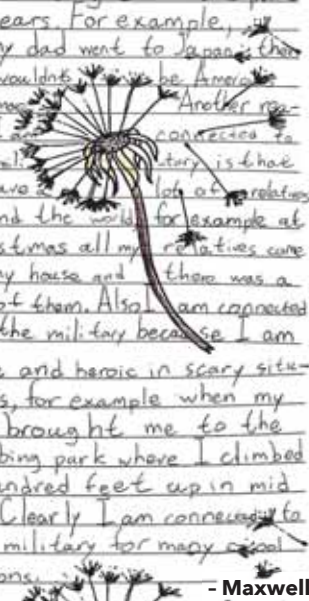
- Joelle

Places like temples in Korea. This is another reason I like being a military child. I am thankful for my dad and his job in the Army because he gives me a chance to travel around the world. I am a military child.



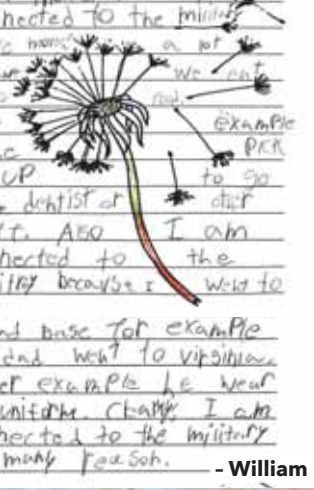
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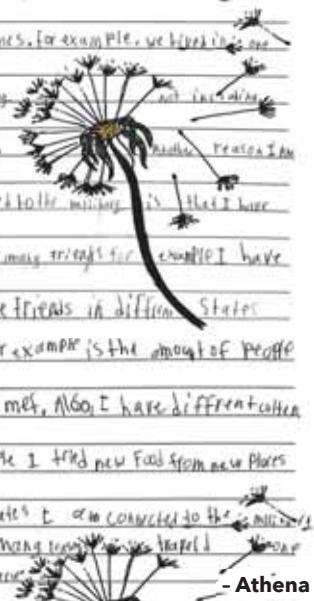
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- Molly

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- Athena

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HUMPHREYS CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



4th grade • Ms. Camus

Life as a Military child is hard. It's a mix of emotions, happy,sad, and mad.During the story I feel all those emotions.My first place I remember is Hawaii where I met my best friend. Hawaii felt perfect for me and we had a ton of friends. Because we lived in a cul-de-sac. But later we found out that we would move to El Paso. My best friend moved first and I missed her so much! Then we moved to El Paso and it was not the same as Hawaii. I got a big room and we were very close to a WalMart. The downside was there were no kids on our street except one family that had kids. A year later, our dishwasher leaked and that led to mold. My mom got a little sick from the mold, two weeks later it was the day before Thanksgiving so we went to my best friend's house. It was eight hours away. I had an awesome Thanksgiving with my best friends. We spent two days at her house. Then we went back home. A year later we knew that we were about to move but we didn't know where. But the next day our parents said we were moving to South Korea. I was so excited, a couple months later we were on a plane to South Korea. When I came, it was amazing. I have already lived here for a year and I love the culture, food, and people. That was my life as a military child.

- Morgan

My name is Milenna and I am 9 years old. I love to be a military child. I live with my mom and dad and I have two best friends named Chelsea and Laila. And if I'm a military child I can help people in need, and learn new stuff. I loved living in Florida and I also lived in Georgia. And I was actually born in Germany. And my mom's dad was born in Bayamon, Puerto Rico. I love making new friends, and I love going to school. I don't know how people don't like going to school and it's fun being a military child

- Milenna

I am Camila and I am NOT a military child! I move to different places a lot because I am a civilian child. I was born in 2014, and Maryland was the first place I lived. After Maryland, I lived in Germany, San Antonio, and Korea. Life as a civilian child is hard, I don't get to stay with my friends very long, but I get to make a lot!! Now I will tell you about my experience in... GERMANY!!! Well, I moved to Germany when I was 2 years old, so I don't remember anything about Maryland. My parents put me into a German school to learn German. After a year, I learned German! I was fluent in German for 5 years, until we moved to San Antonio.

THANK YOU FOR READING!!!

- Camila

Time to Move Time

Time to move, let's get in the car.
Time to move, get on the plane,
Time to go far far away.
Leaving friend's can be hard but
you'll get through it and you'll make
new friends along the way.

- Ryder J.

Hi My name is Stella and I'm 9 years old and it's kind of hard being a military child and kind of not and sometimes it's even fun! But the hard part about it is I have to move every two-three years. So every time I always have to be the new kid at school and stuff. And it's always hard making new friends every couple of years. And I also HATE when my dad has deployment, once he had deployment for nine months! And i also hate when my dad has CQ but i like it when he has CQ better than when he has deployment. I love making new friends, but sometimes it's hard because I am very shy. So im even shy to ask people to give me a cup of water at a restaurant! I always ask my mom or dad to ask for me but, they always make me do it even when i'm super dehydrated!! So this taught me that I have to be "unshy" but the reason I hate to ask people is because for some reason I'm always so embarrassed. Thanks for listening to my story!

- Stella

Time to Fly

Hi my name is Alex. I am in 4th grade and I am 10. It is hard being a military child. You have to move a lot. I really don't want to leave my friends because some of them are my best friends. This year I have to move to Germany. A thing I don't like about being a military child is flying all the time. But I always get to go to really cool places like Japan, Thailand, and Vietnam. I love being a military child because I like the countries I have been to.



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- Alex

Hi my name is Sienna. I am in 4th grade Ms. Camus class. I am 9 years old and I live in Korea. Now let me tell you about being a military child. Being a military child is great. I have awesome friends and I love to travel to new places. But it is hard to leave my friends. I also love the food and shops in different places. Also, I went to Thailand, Vietnam, Paris, Japan Tokyo, the Philippines, Bahamas, Seoul, Miorka, Colorado, Denmark, Portugal, Arizona, Virginia, Busan, Spain, Italy, Germany, Maryland, Washington D.C., Hawaii, Grease, Ireland, Sweden, Amsterdam, Hungary and more. I love these places. But I have to leave them but that's ok because I AM A MILITARY CHILD!

I love being a military child even if my friends move AND THAT'S MY STORY OF BEING A MILITARY CHILD!

- Sienna

My name is Hannah. I'm 10 years old and I am a Military Child at Camp Humphreys. For now! I am going to tell you the good sides, bad sides, and finally my life.

Okay, starting with the bad sides. One of the bad sides is that being a Military child means that you need to move a lot. This also means that friends are going to change. But one of the worst things is that your dad or mom can go on deployment, which means they are going away for up to a few weeks or up to a few months! Now, don't be sad. It is going to be okay, believe me. When this happens you might feel like something is missing, but it is okay. Now, enough with the sob stories.

Let's start with the good sides. One of these is that you can have fun exploring new places and learn new cultures. Another is that you can make many new friends. You can also discover new foods.

Onto my life. Let me tell you about my travels as a Military child. I was born in Seoul, South Korea and I turned one year old. Then I moved to the Mojave Desert in California, then I moved to Williamsburg, Virginia, then Arlington, Virginia, then Carmel, California, and currently South Korea in 2024.

Now that is my life as a Military Child.

- Hannah

Hello my name is Tatyana S. and I am going to tell you my story about being a military child. Being a military child is awesome! Because you can move to different places like the ones I've been to which are South Korea, Thailand, Bahamas, Japan, Tokyo, Paris, Virginia, Busan, Seoul, Teju, Pennsylvania, Kansas, the Grand Canyon, Bali, Georgia, South Carolina, Spain, Mississippi, Washington D.C., California, Tennessee, Massachusetts, Kentucky, and Alaska. I also made a lot of friends on the way and their names are Avalie, Mens, Reagan, Hannah, Stella, Eligah, Sienna Camilo, Ava Penelope, Gabby, Kai, Milenna, Alexa and Eliana. So overall being a military child is super great!



- Tatyana





Hello, My name is Mena J. and I would love to tell you about my life. So I have lived in different places. And one of them I have lived in for 5 years. Here are the places I have lived.

- 1. Colorado Springs
- 2. Kentucky
- 3. Missouri
- 4. South Korea

I love South Korea. It is cool and beautiful. I have been to LegoLand, Everland, and a very weird theme park that I do not know what it is called. I loved the adventures. In Missouri I never had a good friend... but then I met someone so fun and so cool. Her name is Sophia. I don't remember anything about Colorado or Kentucky. I have lived in Colorado for 5 years. Then Kentucky 2 years. Missouri 2 years. But in South Korea I have been here for 2 years and I am staying two and a half more years! I have had a sad thing happen. I lost my dog. It has been hard but I keep going forward. I am turning 10 years old next month. I want to thank a few people. Thank you Mom for taking care of me, Dad... thank you for being there when I need you and thank you for getting money for the family. And last but not least Ori, thank you for everything you do. You play, are funny, always help me with stuff and you are there for me. So thank you for listening to my story.

- Mena J.

Life as a military child is fun because you can see so much that you would never see. Another reason I think being a military child is fun because you meet so many new friends. The only part of being a military child that is not fun is that when you move, you leave all your friends behind but you always meet new ones. I have visited so many places, met so many people and have lived in a lot of cool places.

Overall I think I have so much fun however hard it is when I have to leave my friends behind. I love all the places I go, how hard it is when I find a new home I will move. This year it will be moving. I will have to leave my friends and it will be so hard but I know I will make new friends. I hope you enjoyed it!

- Live L.

Being a military child is hard because you do not get paid a lot. You have to move a lot. And I have already moved four times. I moved from Korea to California to Colorado then back to Korea. Before that I went to a Korean school.

I did not like the kimchi because it is sour and spicy. My brother likes kimchi though he said likes the sour taste. Our Korean tradition is that we eat dokguke (traditional rice cakes) every new year.

My dad left to do missions and he does this a lot because he is in the military. He is usually gone for four or five days, so I go to the park with my mom.

That is my life as a military child
Sincerely Kai

- Kai

My name is Eliana D. I am at Humphreys Elementary School. I am part Mexican and part Brazilian. I look more like my dad than my mom. I have two sisters and one brother. But my brother does not live with us. He is the only one out of my sisters that is nice to me. I have lived in about five places. And I am moving in six months. My Dad is in the Army and sometimes it is hard to be a military child. One of the reasons is that my family is all in Texas and my dogs. I used to have two dogs but one of them died in Texas when I was in South Korea. So now you know my story.

- Eliana D.



- Elijah C.

Life as a military child
Lucas Q

Why it's hard to be a military child
It's hard to be a military child because, you have to move a lot and you lose a lot of friends. It's also hard to move because, it's hard to stay a long time in a different country that you have not lived in for your whole life.

- Lucas Q.

I like it because I can make friends, work and study and because I also like the commissary and PX. I like it because I can also get money and the military is a safe and protected place.

By Adrian

The end

- Adrian



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Meet cute red pandas at Seoul Grand Park Zoo!

Pro tips for the perfect outing at Seoul Grand Park Zoo



BY HYEMIN LEE,
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As South Korea's largest zoo, the Seoul Grand Park Zoo is the place to go when families want to get a close look with the animal kingdom at a budget-friendly price. The park is a perfect setting for picnics, especially when the spring flowers are in full bloom.

The zoo now features three new adorable residents you won't be able to resist: red pandas! According to Seoul Grand Park Zoo, red pandas are an endangered species and were acquired so experts could study their behavior and nutritional needs. The zoo shared videos online of the pandas, which come from Tokyo and Canada, getting acclimated to their new home before their public debut in March.

Beyond the new furry stars, the extensive zoo also houses a wide array of animals, including western lowland gorillas, tigers, lions, hippos, giraffes and elephants. Please note that some animals may not be out on certain days due to their condition or weather.

Seoul Grand Park offers various family-friendly attractions alongside the zoo, such as a botanical garden, Seoul Land amusement park and camping grounds. Parking locations may vary depending on your destination, so be sure to use the parking lot in front of the park entrance when visiting the zoo at the address below.

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ADDRESS: Line 4. Seoul Grand Park Station Exit 2 or 102 Daegongwon-gwangjang-ro, Gwacheon-si, Gyeonggi-do
PARKING: 6,000 won for a day
HOURS: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. (All year round)
CONTACT: 02-500-7335
TICKETS: Adults 5,000 won / Teens 3,000 won / Children 2,000 won (Free for those under 5 years old and above 65 years old)
SPECIAL TICKET (ZOO + SKY LIFT ONE WAY + ELEPHANT TRAIN ONE WAY): Adults 14,500 won / Teens 9,000 won / Children 8,000



NAVER MAP



WEBSITE



1. Bring your favorite picnic items

Picnic lovers are welcome to bring their favorite items. You can spread your picnic mat anywhere at the park as long as it doesn't obstruct others. Also, there are many benches and tables available, so you can easily enjoy peaceful family moments among the beautiful seasonal flowers.

If you don't want to bring anything, no worries. There are convenience stores, cafés, and restaurants there. The zoo's Lion Café is also very popular because you can enjoy coffee or pizza while watching the lions in their habitat.

***NOTE:** Bringing pets, bicycles, and inline skates is prohibited. Cooking and tent pitching are not allowed.



2. Take the Sky Lift or Elephant Train

To get to the zoo from Seoul Grand Park's entrance, visitors have three options.

- 1) **WALKING:** Enjoy a peaceful 15-minute stroll from the entrance or parking lot to the zoo, with no additional fees or waiting.
- 2) **ELEPHANT TRAIN:** This option takes less than 5 minutes to reach the zoo, a favorite among kids!
 - Ticket (one way): Adults - 2,000 won / Under 18 - 1,500 won / Free for children under 36 months.
- 3) **SKY LIFT:** It's a beloved choice to enjoy the beautiful landscape while saving energy. If you plan to use both Line 1 and Line 2 for a round trip, the unlimited pass is recommended. Make sure to secure your belongings to prevent dropping them. During peak hours on weekends, expect a 30- to 40-minute wait.
 - LINE 1:** A scenic route from the entrance to the zoo, passing by the lake, and takes about 15 minutes.
 - LINE 2:** Starting from the zoo entrance, this lift takes you to the zoo hilltop while giving you a view from above of the lions, tigers and monkeys. This ride takes about 18 minutes to complete.
 - **ONE WAY:** Adults - 9,000 won / Teens - 5,500 won / Children - 5,000 won
 - **TWO TIMES:** Adults - 16,000 won / Teens - 9,000 won / Children - 8,000 won
 - **UNLIMITED PASS:** Adults - 21,000 won / Teens - 13,000 won / Children - 12,000 won



3. Plan your trip with the guide map

Seoul Grand Park Zoo is so vast that it's challenging to see all the animals in a day. Grab a guide map at the zoo entrance for recommended routes. A popular choice is starting with Line 2 of the Sky Lift to reach the zoo's end, where you'll find the lions and tigers, then stroll down the hill to see other animals.



GUIDE MAP

4. Time your visit wisely

Morning visits are ideal for full exploration, especially as many nocturnal animals are more active in the early morning. To avoid long lines for the Sky Lift on weekends, mornings are also recommended.



5. Stroller is a must-have item for some families

Strollers are essential for families with young children due to extensive walking at the park. If you bring a large stroller, it's best to board the elephant train in the front car so you can have more space for the stroller. When riding the Sky Lift with a stroller, ask staff for assistance.



For rentals, visit the stroller and wheelchair rental shop on the right side of the zoo entrance, where you'll also find a nursing room. Leaving an ID card as a deposit is required for the rentals.

- **STROLLER:** 4,000 won / Electric: 30,000 won
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 Free buses are available at the zoo for individuals with disabilities, pregnant women, and seniors. For inquiries, contact Seoul Grand Park Customer Service Center at 02-500-7337.



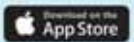
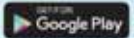


How to order delivery food in Korea

BY HYEMIN LEE,
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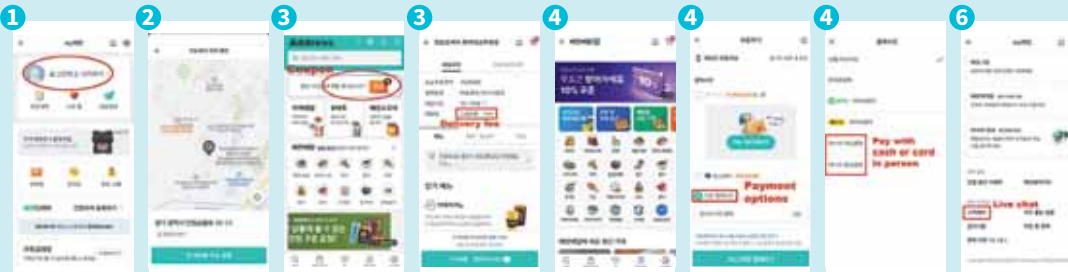
Baedal Minjok (Baemin)

This app is considered the best food delivery app in Korea as it offers a larger selection of restaurants than others like Yogiyo and Coupang Eats. So, this should be your first option when looking for a Korean delivery app. Baedal Minjok is available almost anywhere, including around your home or even while traveling to places like a beach or Han River. Delivery men can even bring your food to your hotel room or wherever you are.



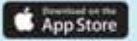
How to use a food delivery app

- 1 Create an account using your email and phone number.
NOTE: All Korean delivery apps may be difficult but not impossible for foreigners despite requiring a valid phone number, ID number or Alien Registration ID number not available for SOFA members. Ask a Korean friend to help you through the account registration process.
- 2 Once you've registered, update your address in Korean or use the map feature for your location. Remember to update your location when using the app in different places.
- 3 Browse food options, check delivery fees, and look for discount coupons. Select the restaurant and items you want to order. Use the real-time translation feature in Papago when browsing the app since it's only available in Korean.
- 4 The app only accepts Korean credit cards, so choose "Paying cash in person" (만나서 현금결제) or "Paying with card in person" (만나서 카드결제) as a payment option. However, please note that Baemin recently launched the "Baemin baedal" (배민 배달) delivery service, which doesn't accept in-person payment options. So make sure to choose the "Gage baedal option" (가게배달 meaning "Store delivery").
- 5 Place your order and check the estimated time of arrival and updated delivery status on the app. Keep your phone nearby until the food arrives.
- 6 Use the 24-hour live chat when you need help.



Shuttle

Shuttle is a foreigner-friendly food delivery app and website with English service and diverse payment options, including foreign credit cards, PayPay and payments in won and dollars. It's particularly useful for those living in foreigner-populated areas like Itaewon or near military bases. However, the app's local restaurant options are limited compared to other Korean apps.



Help Me Emo!

Help Me Emo is a service that assists foreigners in placing food delivery orders from anywhere within Korea, with a service charge of 3,500 won. It is available every day from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. through Kakaotalk chat. Visit the website to find out how to start your order:



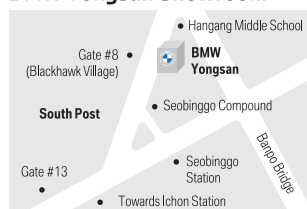
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Naver Papago provides the most accurate translation from Korean to other languages.



Naver Map stands out as the most efficient mapping app in Korea, offering detailed maps, directions, real-time traffic information, and additional features such as finding nearby interesting places.



Subway Korea offers metro maps with real-time information on schedules, fares, routes, travel time and more, covering all areas with subway systems in ROK.



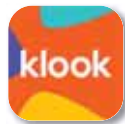
Kakao T is known primarily as a taxi-hailing app, but it also extends its service to finding parking spots, EV charging stations, and more.



KorailTalk is a simple way to book trains operated by Korail without any language barrier.



Skyscanner is an excellent app for finding deals on flight tickets, both domestically and internationally, as well as searching for hotels and car rentals.



Klook and Trazy They are both similar travel shops for activity and tour bookings. Klook covers destinations around the world while Trazy focuses only on Korea. Use both apps, as sometimes one or the other offers a better deal and more options.



Booking accommodations



Airbnb offers diverse options for stays and activities hosted by locals.



Agoda is mainly for accommodations, offering many local stays at a good deal. They also provide deals for transportation and activities.



Hotels.com offers accommodations worldwide, including many in Korea. They often feature special deals and discounts.



HotelsCombined allows users to compare prices from various hotel booking websites, helping them find the best deals and options.



Hostelworld Staying at a hostel can be a great way to save your budget as well as make friends during your trip.

Useful apps for studying Korean



Naver Dictionary is a useful app allowing you study vocabularies and save them on your own vocab list.



Naver Keyboard is necessary when you want to text in Korean on your phone.



Duolingo is an app providing Korean lessons according to your level, teaching from words to conversation. It's especially helpful when learning the Korean alphabet, Hangeul.



HelloTalk is a language exchange app where you can practice Korean with locals.

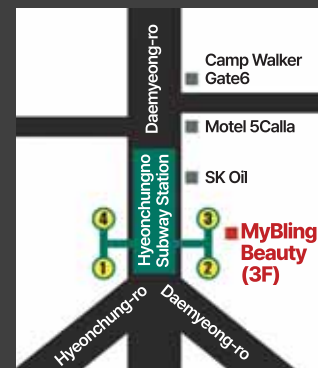
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Daegu sergeant brings home the metal from culinary contest

BY CHRISTOPHER GREEN,
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OSAN AIR BASE — A culinary artist from the Army’s Daegu garrison left the 48th Joint Culinary Training exercise in Virginia recently draped in silver and gold.

Sgt. Kylie De La Roche, of the 498th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion of the Materiel Support Command-Korea, walked away with three silver medals and one gold medal after the event at the MacLaughlin Fitness Center on Fort Gregg-Adams, Va., from March 1 to 8.

De La Roche, a native of San Diego, won silver medals for pastry chef of the year, cold table for plated desserts and mini finger desserts. She took gold in the mobile kitchen trailer event, according to a March 19 news release from Maj. Javon Starnes, spokesman for the 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command at U.S. Army Garrison Daegu, South Korea.

The Joint Culinary Training Exercise is the largest military culinary competition in North America and has been held every year since 1973, except for 1991 and 2003, during Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi



Sgt. Kylie De La Roche with the gold and silver medals she won at the 48th Joint Culinary Training Exercise.



Sgt. Kylie De La Roche made pistachio truffles, chocolate Nutella cake, lemon-blueberry macarons and chocolate strawberry butterflies.
Photos by Javon Starnes, U.S. Army

Freedom, according to the Army Quartermaster Corps website.

De La Roche began competing on culinary teams in 2022, when she was encouraged by her mentor Master Sgt. Joshua Babcock to join the team at Fort Liberty, N.C., she told Stars and

Stripes. In Virginia her biggest fan watched while De La Roche cooked up her wins. Sgt. De La Roche looked up during the competition to see her mother, Kenya

De La Roche, seated in the audience.

“This year was the first year she came to see me compete. She flew to Virginia from California just to watch me,” Sgt. De La Roche said. “It’s been a year since I’ve seen her. She’d heard about everything, but this was the first time she’d seen me in action,” the sergeant said.

Her mother’s presence helped De La Roche push past the nerves she said are part of the event.

“It was unique and nerve-racking seeing everyone compete, seeing everyone’s pace and

the team events. It was exciting and nervous at the same time,” De La Roche said.

The Daegu culinary team strategy for the competition was to divide and conquer, De La Roche said.

“Sgt. Derell Warfield, one of my teammates, assisted me with baking pastries even though his specialty was entrees,” she said. “This assistance helped me to prepare more efficiently.”

The Daegu team scored highest overall in the nutrition and student team categories; the Army won installation of the year, earning the

most medals and top scores overall.

For the pastry chef of the year award, De La Roche made a strawberry coulis, a lemon-blueberry sorbet, a tuile, lime and basil cake with macerated berries, piped chocolate, pineapple curd, lime mousse, and coconut mousse. For the finger foods, she made pistachio truffles, chocolate Nutella cake, lemon-blueberry macarons and chocolate strawberry butterflies.

The third silver medal was for the four-plated dessert within the cold-plate category. The first plate was a chocolate-layered dome mousse with a tuile. The next was a cheesecake with a variety of macerated fruit. The third plate was a Neapolitan pyramid mousse served with vanilla bean ice cream on top of pistachios and mangoes. The fourth plate was a chocolate strawberry layered cake served with strawberry ice cream. The ice cream contained dragon fruit and diced kiwi.

For the gold medal, she made vanilla bean ice cream over crushed pistachios with a thin layer of white cake and a thin layer of caramel panna cotta. She served the dessert with a thin slice of bourbon pie filling rolled in phyllo dough.

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Sailing toward dangerous, male-infested waters

I was one of the first to arrive, lugging my humongous bag of gear over one shoulder while gripping my ever-present Yeti coffee mug. I was always late, so my punctuality was either a good omen, or a clear sign that I was nervous.

I had no idea which campus building held the Offshore Safety at Sea course. As a sailing novice, I envisioned a neon light blinking “Clueless!” over my head. But I’d been offered the opportunity to crew on an offshore sailboat, and the safety course was required. If my lifelong dream was to come true, I needed to get over imposter syndrome and get on with it.

I spied eight people also carrying large bags who accepted me into their wayward group. They included one elderly woman and seven men. After entering the wrong building, one man pulled a rudimentary map out of his bag and stared at it, looking thoroughly confused.

“The blind leading the blind,” another man chuckled. The fact that our navigator couldn’t read his own map was definitely a red flag.

The elderly woman and I surmised that we should walk toward the water since our classes involved shooting flares. While walking toward the bay, one of the men spotted a sign pointing us to the right building. He puffed up his chest as if he was Ferdinand Magellan.

The course instructors slapped name tags on us and pointed us toward the lecture hall, just past a table offering coffee, fruit and a heaping bowl of doughnut holes. I snagged an inconspicuous seat in the back left corner of the amphitheater, then sneaked back out, unable to resist free food. While selecting a few doughnut holes, I joked to a hulking man eyeing the jelly-filled ones, “Fruit just doesn’t cut it.”

“My poor blood sugar,” he said with a smile. This brief moment of humanity settled my nerves.

Two more women eventually arrived, seating themselves, like the elderly woman and me, on the fringes. About sixty men filled the rest of the seats. “Why do women place themselves on the sidelines?” I wondered.

“Every Root Cause Analysis of boating emergencies has six ‘M’s,” our instructor boomed. “One — Man. Human error must be considered, but you guys -- er, sorry, I mean persons -- should also analyze Machine, Material, Method, Measurement and Mother Nature,” he fumbled, noticing the few women in the room.

Later, we were taught how to extinguish fires, shoot flares and manage leaks. During the fire lesson, the instructor asked us to break into pairs. The men glanced desperately at each other, obviously reluctant to partner with a woman. And when asked to line up to shoot rocket flares, the men scrambled



File photo

to go first, as if to say, “Watch how it’s done, ladies.”

During the leaks workshop, a male partner and I were asked to identify a leak in a flooded make-shift bilge and formulate a plan to stop it. I found the leak right away, but my partner ignored me and kept searching. I grabbed his hand, put it over the leak, and shouted, “Notice it now?”

Later, walking to pool for lifeboat training, he whispered when no one else was around, “Hey, thanks for finding that leak.”

“Let’s talk about MOB,” said our afternoon instructor, “which stands for ‘Man Over Board.’” I was beginning to notice a pattern.

During a lesson about Rescue Swimmers, our instructor asked, “Anyone here serve in the Coast Guard? Army? Air Force? Marines?” No one raised their hands. “Navy?” I raised my hand half-mast, as if I represented the entire US Armed Forces, and offered a concession, “Spouse?” No one even glanced in my direction.

A few days after earning my course certificate, I read that on March 7, 29-year-old, 5-foot-2 Cole Brauer completed a solo circumnavigation of the globe, non-stop and without assistance. Brauer was the only woman and the youngest sailor in the 2024 Globe Solo Challenge. Although many refused to sponsor her, considering her a “liability,” she finished second place, becoming the first American woman to sail alone around the world.

Brauer told reporters, “It’s a fully male dominated world, and ... I really want women to know that it’s possible.”

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Since its introduction in 1955, the World Series MVP has never been won by the same player in back to back seasons, and 16 players who have won it are now enshrined in the Hall of Fame. In 2015, the Kansas City Royals won their first title since 1985. Which Royal hit .364 en route to a victory over the New York Mets, and an MVP trophy?

Answer

Salvador Perez

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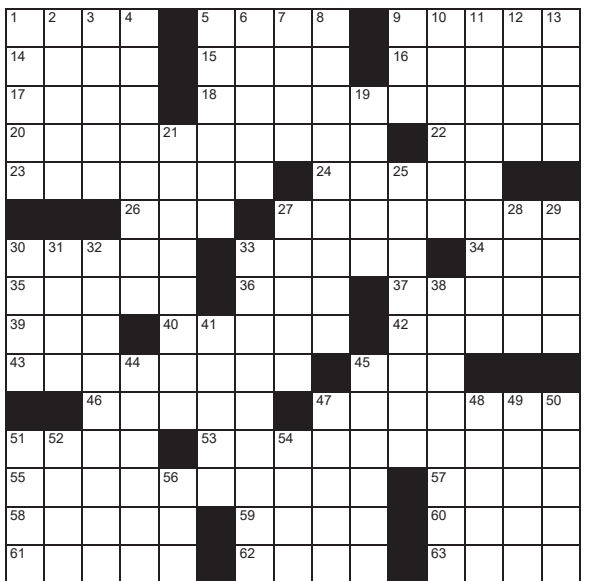


Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Motel amenity
- 5 Starchy side, slangily
- 9 Sharper than 90 degrees
- 14 Giggly Muppet
- 15 Apart from this
- 16 Like some points
- 17 Mideast's Gulf of
- 18 Keep in office
- 20 Heist planner, perhaps
- 22 Grooving on
- 23 Classroom units
- 24 Weighty works
- 26 Row producer
- 27 Statue's stand
- 30 B, on the periodic table
- 33 Gets too much sun
- 34 Astonishment
- 35 Pastor's flock
- 36 "Who ___ we kidding?"
- 37 Where dos are done
- 39 Needing no Rx
- 40 Eccentric
- 42 Paper producers
- 43 Some lab workers
- 45 Patriotic women's org.
- 46 One of a 1492 trio
- 47 Whopper topper
- 51 Paddler's target
- 53 Nonreader
- 55 American in Paris, e.g.
- 57 Graphic
- 58 San ___, Calif.
- 59 Place to broil
- 60 Guitar ridge
- 61 Scatter
- 62 Blue jay's abode
- 63 First-timer



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DOWN

- 1 Oyster's prize
- 2 Nostalgic number
- 3 Bad signs
- 4 Horse with high odds
- 5 Peaceful
- 6 Answers to charges
- 7 Secondhand
- 8 Forward eraser
- 9 Super Bowl side
- 10 Two in a Dickens title
- 11 Remove from a computer
- 12 REI purchase
- 13 Therefore
- 19 Wear down
- 21 Madhouse
- 25 Army meal buddy
- 27 Repair bill line
- 28 Military no-show

- 29 Periscope part
- 30 Voting coalition
- 31 Sworn promise
- 32 Calligrapher's supply
- 33 Troop group
- 38 Gliders and fighters
- 41 Moving about
- 44 Desert illusion
- 45 Gear catch
- 47 Toys with tails
- 48 Fictional Potter
- 49 Total
- 50 Sauce with basil
- 51 Roulette bets
- 52 Off-ramp
- 54 Cleanse, to a poet
- 56 Kind of truck

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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Hangul of the week

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Language Lesson

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SUDOKU

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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HOW TO SOLVE:

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.

Answer to Previous Sudoku:

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

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