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### BEING A CHILD OF SOMEONE SPECIAL

I am a special child.  
 I am a military child.  
 My dad is special  
 Because he works in the  
 military.  
 He makes me special  
 And that makes me proud.

I am a special child.  
 I move to many places  
 And I make new friends.  
 I get to learn many cultures  
 Of many different places,  
 Trying new things, new food and  
 meeting new people.

I am a special child.  
 Saying, "Goodbye" to all my  
 friends  
 Everytime I move.  
 New cultures are hard to learn,  
 And making new friends is hard  
 too.

I am a military child  
 And that makes me special  
 Experiencing new things  
 And meeting new people.  
 Even though I have to leave all  
 my friends.  
 I know that I'll get used to the  
 new place  
 Sometimes it's fun and  
 sometimes it's hard,  
 But it is all part of life of  
 Being a Military Child.

– Claire Son, 5th grade  
 Humphreys Middle School

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Adult reflects on  
 military upbringing

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Celebrating  
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### My dad is a very important person

Hi! I'm Highlyn, age 10, and in the fourth grade. I'm a military child, and maybe you are too! If you are in a military family, you know that it's not always easy. I have personal experience with this particular thing. My dad is a very important person in his unit, and that means he has to go away a lot. He has gone on so many deployments and I miss him so much when he's away! He has missed tons of birthdays, holidays and special events. In fact, he is about to go on a trip back to the States for three weeks! I will miss him so much and I am dreading the day that he leaves. He is going right before Easter, so our Easter will be happy and sad. But it makes me feel like the military is a whole big family when I see other families going through the same thing. You feel like you're not alone when you see others feeling what you are feeling. I am so glad that I was invited to participate. It's always nice when people want to hear from kids, in my opinion. I am glad that I am able to see what other people think about the military. Thank you for listening,

~Highlyn Schleider, 4th grade, Humphreys Central Elementary School

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Osan Elementary School

5th grade  
Mr. Card

The Military  
Kids Laugh, Play and Smile all day.  
They Make New Friends.  
- Mary Francis

Taking Pictures of Kids

As a military child and a yearbook club member we took pictures of kids doing activities and special events. As a military child, kids can make the world a different place even by helping each other. It may take a long time, but it just might be worth it. My family is a military family. We try to make things better for other people like people who have a bad day and you can change their day and your day too. Kids and people are military childs or military adults. When it comes to taking pictures of kids or anything we make everything count so any kid or any adult can all be in a picture too.  
- Ellena Burks



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- Melanna Jobe



- Xavier Kuczynski



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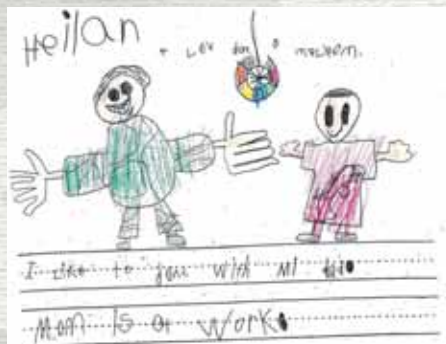
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# HUMPHREYS CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

1st grade / Mrs. Yurisich

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-Connor Martin

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-Stephanie Kim

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-Maegan O'Brian

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# CELEBRATING MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

## HUMPHREYS CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### 2nd grade / Ms. Metress

**W**hat is the craziest gift you ever got? You're never going to believe what I got. One day, I printed a huge poster for my dad. I saw the printer print the picture of my dad's face. I felt so happy that my dad was coming home that day. I wish that next time, the army makes me go to Hawaii.

–Adella Holmes

**O**ne day I was moving to Korea. I was moving to Korea because my dad had a new office in Korea. I felt nervous and excited. I really missed my friends. I wanted to go back to the states, but when I got to Korea, I met my mom and dad's friends that grew up there when they were kids. I had so much fun! Now, I am happy in Korea.

–Ennis Chivers

**D**o you like moving? I do because I get to see new things. Recently, I moved to Korea. I felt nervous. While on the plane, I saw a lot of clouds and water. Soon, I arrived at Korea. I saw a lot of cities and flowers in Korea. I wish the military will move me to Chicago next time.

–Kassandra Joves

**I** moved to Cicero because the army told me to move. I saw my grandma there. I was very happy that they moved me here. I was so happy because I was with my grandma.

–Max

**H**ave you ever had the happiest day of your life? I have! It was happier than anything. MY dad left for a whole month. I missed him so much that I was so sad! My mom let me sleep with her. My little brother made me happy because he is so cute. So, he made me so much happier. My dad called me, my sister, my brother, and my mom. My dad wanted to eat the food that we were eating. Later that day, my dad came down the stairs. I was so happy that I jumped. That day I learned to always wait.

–Kristah Valdez-Calvo

**H**ave you ever had a parent leave to protect our country? My mom had to go because she wanted us to be safe. I felt upset because I thought I would never see her again. Once she got back, I gave her a card. I wish my mom went to work for only 1 day.

–Steven Stratton

**H**ave you ever moved two times in one tour? I did. The first house in Washington was big. Really big and I did not really like it. It was tall. Three stories tall, but it was fun there. My second house I never liked the first day. Then, I did not want to move away to Korea. Somehow, the second house was bigger than the really big house because it has a big hill in the backyard. My friend said it was a bunker but it was not. I hope the military moves us back to Washington.

–Boyd Taylor



**I**went to Jeju Island, and it was hot and sunny. I wore sunglasses because it was so bright. The military moved my family to Korea. I felt happy at Jeju island. I am thankful for the military for moving my family to Korea.

–Kye Pannell

**H**ave your mom or dad gone on deployment, and you waited for them? I have waited once when my dad went to Alaska. It was a 10-hour plane ride. He was there for 1 month. When he got back, he gave me a stuffed animal fox which I named Foxy. When he came home, I felt so excited! I wonder when my dad will leave for work the next time...

–Isaac Carrion

**H**as your dad left because of work? My dad left. I was really sad that I cried. I played a game called tag with my brother to help me feel better. Then, we played a game called Tickle Monster but... I still felt sad. Then, I went to the park. I played in the park. I realized I wasn't thinking about my dad. I felt happy that I was playing with my friends. I have learned that I don't have to be sad.

–Milenna Ramos-Coló

**H**ave you been on a plane before because the army told you to? I have. I was going to Korea. There was no good food. I felt sad. I missed chick-fil-a and my friends. However, I felt better about Korea. I got a puppy here! We went to museums and hikes. I learned that moving to a new country wasn't bad.

–Sydney Wright

**M**y dad went away for work. I felt blue. I missed my dad. I missed playing with my dad. My mom signed me and her to go on a walk to help me feel better. I loved the walk. I didn't do anything for my dad, but when he came back, I felt so happy and mad because he went away, and he didn't tell me. I hope that my dad won't go away again. I do not want him to leave again.

–Charlotte Murray

**H**ave your mom or dad gone on deployment, and you waited for them? I have waited once when my dad went to Alaska. It was a 10-hour plane ride. He was there for 1 month. When he got back, he gave me a stuffed animal fox I named Foxy. When he came home, I felt so excited! I wonder when my dad will leave for work the next time...

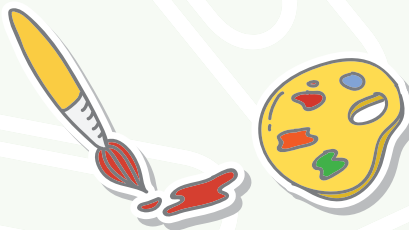
–Eddie Yuen

**M**y life as a military child is pretty crazy! I am only eight years old, and I have already traveled across the world.

As a military child, I moved from place to place every two years. I have moved from Texas to Virginia and now, I'm living in South Korea! I have made so many different friends, went on mini trips, and learned so much about different cultures. It is pretty cool traveling and exploring.

Also, what's great and crazy about being a military child is that I get to learn and see new things as I move from place to place. At Fort Hood, Texas, I was able to learn about military transportation trucks. Then, at Fort Lee, Virginia, I was able to go to Washington D.C. to see the White House and learn about history. Finally, in Camp Humphreys, South Korea, I was able to go inside a Blackhawk helicopter and explore historic monuments in Cheonan. It's super exciting and cool!

–Natalie Castro



**H**ave you ever liked taking a plane into an island? I went to Hawaii which is an island where I was born! The military moved me and my family to Hawaii! I took hula lessons! In hula, I learned how to tell scary stories, happy, sad, funny, and, last but not least, wave stories. I loved my teacher. Her name was Mrs. Hanng. She was the best hula teacher in the whole entire world. I hope I get to go to Hawaii again!

–Zainab Harrell

**I** had to move to Korea because my mom wanted to move. I felt bad because I did not want to leave Alaska and my dad. However, I ate Vatos here and really liked it. I'm moving to Texas because of my mom and leaving Korea.

–Elijah Bryant

**D**o you want to know how long my dad was gone? For 1 month. I felt bored and I missed my dad. While my dad was gone, I watched TV. I felt happy when my dad came home. I wish my dad would play Fortnite with me.

–Jacob Flores

**M**y dad was gone for 70 days. Has your dad been gone? I felt sad that he was gone so I built a sign. Then, I hung it up outside for my dad to see it. Finally, my dad came home. He was so happy to be home. He gave me a hug. I learned that you have to wait patiently.

–Micah Hayes

**W**hy is my dad gone? He is deployed. I felt sad, but I couldn't do anything about it. Well, I could send him care packages and cards. He was gone for a year, and he missed me and my sister's birthday. My dad was gone February 9th. My mom got an email from papa and said he will be coming home in July, the month of my birthday which meant it would be the best birthday present in the world. Finally, it was my birthday and mom got an email that my dad was coming home tomorrow. The next day, when I woke up, I went downstairs and saw him. I wonder why he was deployed for so long.

–Reagan Schleider

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CELEBRATING MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

# HUMPHREYS CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2nd grade / Ms. Undernehr

I am a military child  
because my dad is in the Army. I have a brother that is three years old. My favorite animal is cats. I was born in Oregon and then I moved to Colorado. Now I live in South Korea. I go again in one year.

-Jemma

My Life as a Military child

My life as a Military child has been awesome since I was born. I have moved to Korea, I packed my things, sold my house, went on a plane and went to the opposite side of the earth. I've been able to move to a specific place in Korea, on bring your kid to work day. I went on a real helicopter at my dad's work. I've had to leave my friends behind +

- Elena

I Am A Military Child

I was a military child. I have moved three different times as I've been in three different schools. When my dad got deployed I was scared. I was two or three years old. When my dad got back from deployment we got a dog. The dog was nine and a half years old. We named him Apache because he was my brother like helicopter. Being a military child is nice. I am able to make and make new friends.

-Laim



I am a military child

This is what it is like  
being a military child  
I have been to two different  
states I have moved three  
times I live far away  
from my other family.  
I moved to a new country  
I meet new people and see  
new things. that is life  
being a military child

-Kinsley

I like being a military child

The thing I like about being a military child is that we go to different places. First we buy stuff that we can eat and we also buy stuff that we can wear. Next we go home and make our new home comfy. We also decorate our rooms. Last we look at the map to see places that we can explore. When my family came here my dad said "You should play your radio back" I said "OK."

- Levaeh



MY life as a military child

my life as a military child has been very exciting. I have had many different experiences. my first experience was lived in Georgia we lived close to Orlando Florida we went on vacation to Universal Studios. Next many times i was a lot of fun my second adventure was marital to Korea we flew from Georgia to Washington we ~~then~~ stayed in Washington for a couple of days it was because it was first hand file. I like being a military child because i get to travel the world i hope i continue to experience new things.

- Wyatt

I a military child



First, when we moved from Colorado Springs to Korea we had to sell our house, leave our dog Keka and move far away from our family. Then I had birthdays without my Aunts and Cousins being there because of living far away. Next for my sixth birthday my dad was in Taiwan and he couldn't come so I had the same mom as my birthday and says what? my mom let me use all the party reservation money to buy many people's gifts. It was so many gifts.

- Sophia R.

I am a Military Child

Being a military child can be exciting and also difficult. I was born on bangley AFB in Virginia. I moved to mississauga then I moved to Norway. I was moved to Korea in January. I have been to 17 countries. When I move I make new friends. I like food from every where. I get to experience traditions and new cultures. I love being a military child.

- Alex

 I Am A Military   
child

Being a military child is exciting and always an adventure. First, I move a lot. I have moved four times and seen lots of new places. In addition, I have gone to three different schools and made lots of new and made lots of new friends. Finally, I like exploring the places I live. To sum it up, being a military child is the best.



BY Liev

-Liev

I am a military kid

I was born in Colorado. Then  
I moved to living in id. We  
are now in Korea. the  
good thing about being a  
military kid is that I can  
go around the world and  
see a lot of wonderful  
sights. next we will  
go to Florida.

-J.J

 Tam a Kind and brave Military  
Child. 

Event 1 Going to different  
Schools details: I went to  
Kibet garden in OKINAWA  
And first grade in OKINAWA  
And second grade here!

Event 2 MY baby brother  
details: I am at night  
WC went to the hospital.  
MY baby brother was born  
he was cute. being a  
Military child is great.

- Leila

My father died.

- Clark

I'm a military child

Do you want to  
know how ~~amazing~~  
my life as a military  
child is? I think it is  
really cool!

First, when I was  
born my dad just  
got home from  
fighting a war. I'm  
lucky he survived.

Next, I like that  
I can live in  
military housing,  
from my balcony.

- Avalie

I'm a Military child

A life as a Military child can be harder so I will tell you my story. First, I moved to Korea to see my cousins 1000 of km away. Second, I am at HCES because that is where my dad works at there. And to go home in time. I like my life as a Military child. What is your story?

By Aiden

-Aiden

There IS Many Reasons Why I  
Am A Military Child

First, I am going to have to elaborate  
Sergeant I am moving because Ryan's base  
said go to Air Force Academy. Second, I go  
to base and see airplanes and helicopters.  
I have a chance to see the F-16 and  
A-10. Lastly, I hear the trumpet played  
on post. I am a military child because  
I do these things.

- Claire

I AM A MILITARY CHILD

First I love being a military child because when I heard my mom was going to have my baby sister I thought I was excited and happy as the same time.

Next I moved 3 times and having a new in the car every going to get morning.

In closing it turned out great!

-Will

I can't dance he told me  
and Chiff took flying  
up in the air towards  
the moon and one I sat  
on my jeans uniform top.  
It was big on me it felt wild  
to wear it.  
That is how my life as a mother  
child is. Brown

-Owen

I am a Military child  
My Mom said I was  
still a baby when my dad went  
to Afghanistan for work. We  
always video and my dad was  
happy when I made a video sound  
like I was talking to him too.  
My dad told me how to  
say dad when I was a baby.  
My dad said He was lucky  
he didn't have to smell  
my diaper. Now he gets to  
share with us and spend more  
time playing and watching  
cartoon with us. Thank you dad  
for all the sacrifice and hard

- Sophia S.



## CELEBRATING MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

# HUMPHREYS CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2nd grade / Ms. Johnson



-Eleanor



-Zachary



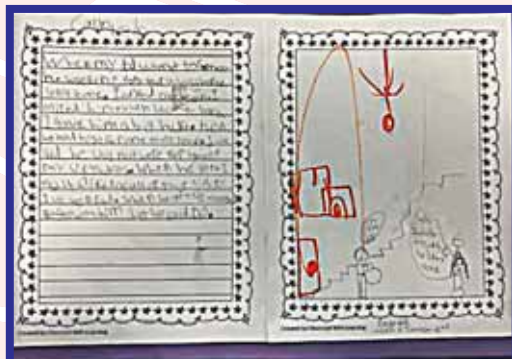
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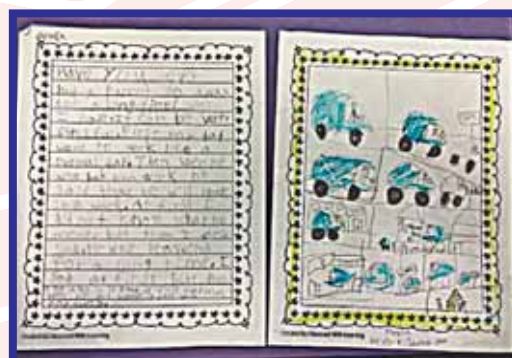
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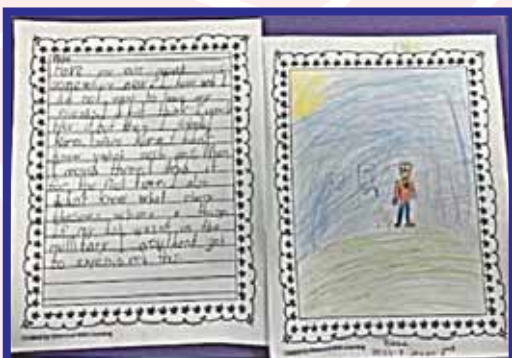
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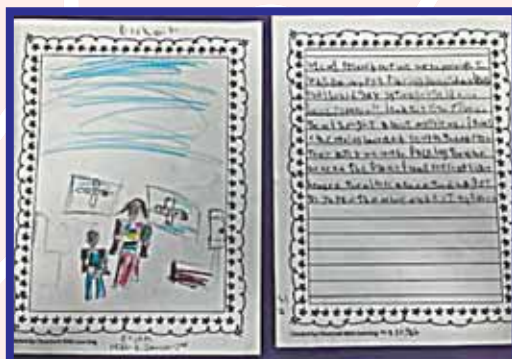
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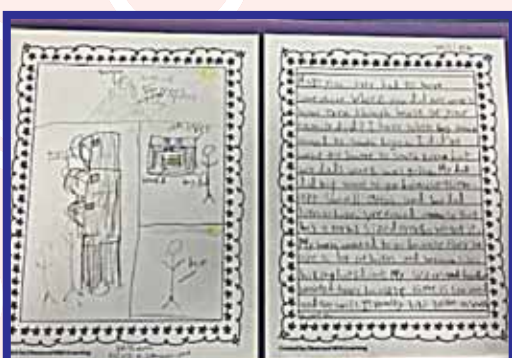
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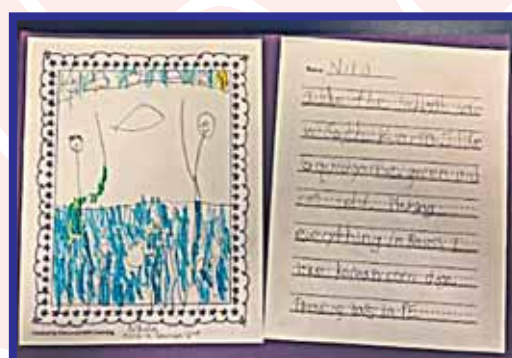
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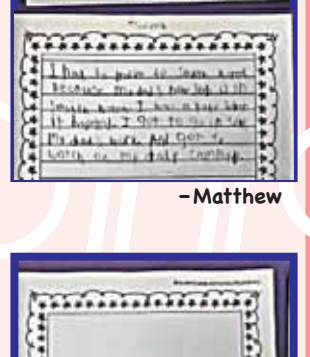
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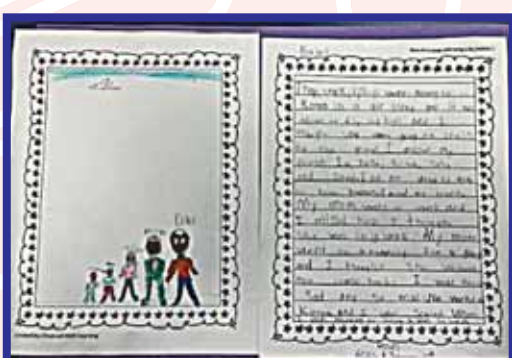
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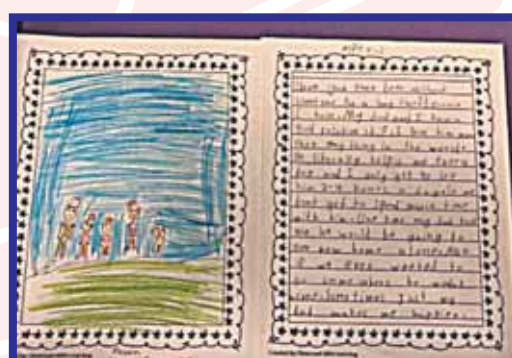
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CELEBRATING MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

**HUMPHREYS CENTRAL  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

3rd grade / Ms. Goodrich



What life is like for a kid  
who is part of a Military Community

MY military life

It is some times hard being  
a military kid. Because when  
ever you move out - it feels  
bad because you leave your  
life of your friends. But when ever  
you get to where you  
move it's a good life. It is  
good to meet new friends  
that is all about my  
military life

for Jacob. R

-Jacob R.

What life is like for a kid <sup>Brian Bopp</sup>  
who is part of a Military Community

I like being in a military child, because  
being a military child can be good. I also like  
being in Korea, because the weather is warm in  
oct. south korea has the summer also. I think  
being a military child can be good. It's better  
you don't have to go to school in one place but  
it can be better.

- Brian Burman

What life is like for a kid  
who is part of a Military Community

Life as a military connected  
child is fun and not fun. Its fun  
because you can see so v.  
many new places and so  
many new friends but the  
bad part is that I  
have to leave best  
friends behind. That's why  
life as a military connected  
child is fun and not fun.

Emma R

- Emma R.

What life is like for a kid who is part of a Military Community

What is life like for military children? Well, it can be hard in some ways, but easy in other ways. It's hard and sometimes because you have to move every few weeks and change schools. I moved quite a bit. Maybe not as much as other people, though I've been in Missouri, Texas, Oklahoma, and now I live in Pennsylvania. And then being a military child can be fun because moving means trying new things. That's what being a military child is like.

-Lorena K. Rosman

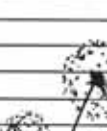
– Carolina K. Norman

Journal  
What life is like for a kid who is part of a Military Community  
Life as a Military child is fun and not because you get to go to fun palaces, try new food and learn traditions. It is also not fun because you have to say bye to your kids or cousin it is really sad. This is what it is like being a military kid.

- Annabel L.

What life is like for a kid  
who is part of a Military Community

Always acts of moving. I like  
South Korea because I found my identity.  
It's fascinating in Korea.



R.Y. Shin-P. Zangala

-Phillip Zavala

What life is like for a kid  
who is part of a Military Community  
Life is fun being a part of  
a military community. One reason  
is that you get to see cool new places  
Another thing that cool is that you  
can make new friends at new places.  
What is selfish is that you can  
have privileges privileges. So if you are  
a privilege child you should be  
happy.

-Carson Tisdale

What life is like for a kid who is part of a Military Community

Being a military child can be tough at times, but can be good, too. One sad part is that most of the friends you make will disappear from your life when you move. So far, I've lived in two countries. I was born in Hawaii, moved to Oklahoma, moved to Louisiana, and now, here I am in South Korea.

A ~~big~~ part is you don't really see your military much. That's what life is

-Ryder Burbank

Victoria  
Killer

What life is like for a kid  
who is part of a Military Community

I Think life of a  
military child is sad because  
you leave your friends  
and home that you like  
from a long time ago.  
The good things of  
a military child is  
going bike riding and playing  
with your friends. Being  
a military child feels good  
because you get to go  
to school and bring a military  
child to school.

-Victoria Miller

What life is like for a kid who is part of a Military Community

Life for a military kid can be so sad sometimes it could be sad because when you move from one place to another and leave something like I had to leave my dog, the life to have to change to new ways have to say goodbye to old friends but I still like the first part and I like the place sometimes better because that's my and army for maybe 10 years or more but they come back I like to sometimes move because you get to see new stuff that's what my military life is like

Love Allen

-Alina V.

Q What life is like for a kid who is part of a Military Community

A I like being a part of the military community because I get to see cool stuff like airplanes and tanks. I also get to see new places and stuff. I get to eat food I like like ketchup. I don't get any hugs. But I like the fact is I get to see and place that's not it is like to be a military kid.

Liam Jackson

-Liam Jackson

What life is like for a kid who is part of a Military Community

It's hard because if you go to school you will be gone and being the only major or child on a army base. But it's like good because it's cool like special, the equipment, the most nice, being a Marine child is the best.

Kathia + Part

- Nathan Park

What life is like for a kid who is part of a Military Community

Being a Military child is why it is sad because when your dad gets deployed to war like when my dad got deployed in war in Iraq it is also sad because if you ever will have to leave your friends then you have to say goodbye to all your friends. And sometimes you don't see your friends and it is also sad because moving is a pain.

Geoffrey Floyd

- Geoffrey Floyd

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-Major Robinson


major What life is like for a kid who is part of a Military Community  
my POV of a Military community  
Hi my name is ~~anna~~ Robinson my mom is in the military. It is nice to meet new people but I don't see all of my friends. But the best things is if you can get out and do a lot of ~~new~~ things since I can't ~~secretly~~ ~~more~~ come home times. But that's all about a Military child.

anna Robinson

What life is like for a kid

who is part of a Military Community

It is like being in a different country  
and there being a culture shift. The family  
you're born in means you have to move  
around and it's hard to know how to get up  
because you don't really know where you are.



- Brooklyn Prince

What life is like for a kid  
who is part of a Military Community

My name is Daniel. I DOV on what  
life is like as a military child. Great.  
Even though you leave friends,  
you can make new ones. I moved  
from Kentucky to Florida,  
Florida to Kansas and Kansas  
to South Korea. A lot of times  
I wish I had to PCS,  
but my dad canceled that so now  
life is as a military child.

- Daniel Valencia

-Daniel Valença

What life is like for a kid  
who is part of a Military Community  
I love my military  
life alot of times we  
will move. But you  
will have a fun time.  
You might miss alot  
of friends though  
That's not a minor  
card.  
Dorelika Penha Nd

- Erika Pentland

Genres: Price: What life is like for a kid who is part of a Military Community

It is very fun to move, but you might have second thoughts about moving, because you don't want to leave your friends. But it is good about moving because you can experience other things like food and new people, new places, new schools. But when you are enjoying the new things you might be missing all the things you left. When you get to where the new place it is not all

-Genesis Price

What life is like in a kid  
who is part of a Military Community  
My Life's Games  
all games so what  
you want make ok  
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Spider-Man and  
Viper go to PS5 cool  
is it well its digital  
version and no internet

- Tristan Varney

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## CELEBRATING MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

# HUMPHREYS CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

3rd grade / Ms. Blando

**The SCOOP**  
Riley's Favorite Places on Camp Humphreys

**The PX**  
My favorite place is the PX because there is a lot of places to shop. I like the food court. My favorite place is Taco Bell.

**The Commissary**  
My next favorite place is the commissary because there is a lot of food. My favorite part of it is the flowers and the plants they are so beautiful.

**The Pool**  
The pool is my last favorite because it is usually crowded. It is fun to play there.

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- Riley

**The SCOOP**  
Vanessa's Favorite Things About Camp Humphreys

**THE MOVIE THEATER**  
My favorite place on camp humphreys is the movie theater. I like it because you can watch movies and eat popcorn there. I like movies.

**SCHOOL**  
My second favorite place on camp humphreys is school because I like to learn in school. Math is my favorite. I also like the gym because it is big, and I like to learning on the computer.

**SWIMMING POOL**  
My 3rd favorite place is the swimming pool. I like the swimming pool because I get to swim and it is the only swimming pool on base.

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- Vanessa

**The SCOOP**  
Aiden's Favorite Things About Camp Humphreys

**The pool**  
I like the pool. There is a lot to do. There is a part of the pool where it gets deeper. The farther you go, there is also a kids pool and a very deep one.

**School**  
I only like school because there is a lot of fun stuff to do at school. We have makerspace, where we get to make stuff based on the theme of the month. We get to do stuff with cardboard and we can use computers.

**The PX**  
One last place I like is the PX. It has a basketball court and a food court.

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- Aiden

**The SCOOP**  
Daniel's Favorite Things About Camp Humphreys

**The Library**  
My favorite place is the library because they give DVDs, CDs, and books. I enjoy DVDs and books. I read a book there and it was super informational.

**The Commissary**  
I also like the commissary, because it has good food and when I go with my mom I can make her get me a snack.

**The Swimming Pool**  
I like the swimming pool too. I like to go to the three foot area because I don't have to share a life jacket. I like it because it is so relaxing.

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- Daniel

**The SCOOP**  
Nele's Favorite Things About Camp Humphreys

**Pool**  
I like the pool. I like to swim and to dive in the water. I also like the food there. I like to go there when it is hot!

**The PX**  
I like the PX because you get materials you need and toys. I like to get electronics. I also like the holiday decorations.

**The Commissary**  
I like the commissary because you buy food there and learn and be smart at school. It is good.

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- Nele

**The SCOOP**  
Jillian's Favorite Things About Camp Humphreys

**Swimming Pool**  
My favorite place on Camp Humphreys is the swimming pool. Because I like to swim. I like swimming in the little kid area, and going down the water slides. I also like to play in the deep water.

**HCES**  
Another place I like is my school. I love learning about different subjects. I love ELA, math, science, and social studies. I also like the STEAM projects.

**Library**  
Lastly I like the library. Because I love reading, and I love all of the fun activities. I wish that I could read all of the book in the world!!!

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- Jillian

**The SCOOP**  
Ilha's favorite places on base!

**My favorite place is the PX**  
My favorite place on base is the PX. There is a food court, a basketball court, and a Starbucks. All of these things make shopping more fun ever!

**My favorite place is the swimming pool**  
My second favorite place on base is the swimming pool. There is a wide variety of pools. For example, the splash pad, kid pool, waterlides, and much more! This pool creates lots of fun in the sun memories!

**My favorite place is HCES**  
My third favorite place on base is HCES. There are two playgrounds, and a monthly STEAM challenge which makes learning fun!

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- Ilha

**The SCOOP**  
Jasmine's Favorite Things About Camp Humphreys

**The Swimming Pool**  
My favorite place is the pool because swimming is my favorite place and I like deep pool.

**THE PX**  
in camp humphreys I like to go to P.X. shop because we can buy something.

**SCHOOL**  
I love school because it helps me learn and be smart at school. It is good.

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- Jasmine

**The SCOOP**  
Scott's Favorite Things About Camp Humphreys

**The Swimming Pool**  
My favorite place in Camp Humphreys is the swimming pool because I like to jump down the 1.5M deep pool and splash down, and I also like to go to the shallow water and swim with my younger brother and my friends. Another reason why I like to go to the swimming pool is because they have a diving board and I like to see people jump off the diving board because it is cool, and that is why I like the swimming pool in Camp Humphreys.

**The PX**  
I like the PX because in the PX, I can buy stuff such as toys, legos, etc. Another reason why I like to buy things at the PX, the third reason why I like the PX is because I bought many legos in the PX that I wanted to have. I bought many legos that cost over \$50-\$100. I like the PX because I can buy stuff for my younger brother and my mom and my dad, when it is their birthday. And that is why I like the PX in Camp Humphreys.

**The Commissary**  
I like the Commissary because in the Commissary, I can get Jell-O and I like it because it is splashy and yummy to eat. Another reason why I like the commissary is because there are kinds of foods that are healthy.

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- Scott

**The SCOOP**  
Nathaniel's Favorite Things About Camp Humphreys

**PX**  
one of my favorite places on camp humphreys is the PX because you can buy all sorts of stuff. I like the food court because it has pizza hot and all sorts different sorts of food and other places at the PX I like is hobby central because it has magic the gathering cards.

**Rec Center**  
I like the rec center because it has board games like chess video games on the music studio and sometimes hold events there, and it's a very good place for birthday parties.

**Swimming Pool**  
The last place I like in the pool because I love to swim. I also like to play water basketball. I like the food court because they have a lot of food like hot wings and hand burgers.

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- Nathaniel

**The SCOOP**  
Sam's Favorite Things About Camp Humphreys

**The Commissary**  
I like the commissary because we can get food there, so we can live. I also like it because it is close to the PX.

**The PX**  
I like the PX because you can get a lot of fun stuff inside. There are also many stores. I also like the movie and Burger King.

**School**  
I like school because I get to learn new things. I also like school because I get to play at recess. I like to play soccer or run around.

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- Sam

**The SCOOP**  
Marcum's Favorite Places on Camp Humphreys

**THE POOL**  
I like the pool. You can go down the big orange slide and play with your family.

**THE PX**  
I also like the PX. You can buy and eat food. My favorite places are Arby's, and I like Burger King.

**THE COMMISSARY**  
I like the commissary because you can buy food for your family. I also like to get steak. I like that you can get stuff for the holidays.

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- Marcum



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**The SCOOP**  
Jaylor's Favorite Things About Camp Humphreys

**The PX**  
One thing I like about camp Humphreys is the PX because they have snacks and toys. I like to get the small cup pretzels.

**The Pool**  
I like the pool because you can swim and there is a splash pad. The swimming pool is very large so a lot of people can swim.

**The Library**  
I like the library because you can sign up for sports and learn about.

- Jayla

**The SCOOP**  
Kaylee's Favorite Things About Camp Humphreys

**Sport Teams**  
One of my favorite things about camp Humphreys is the opportunity to play on sport teams. I enjoy being on a team because I can learn a lot from my teammates and I can be a leader.

**The Downtown Lanes Bowling Center**  
Another thing I like about Camp Humphreys is the bowling center. It is a fun place to go with your family and friends and there is a lot of food and drinks.

**The Outdoor Pool**  
The last thing I like about camp Humphreys is the outdoor pool. It is a great place to go with your family and friends and there is a lot of food and drinks.

- Kaylee

**The SCOOP**  
Noah's Favorite Things About Camp Humphreys

**THE POOL**  
One of my favorite things about camp Humphreys is the pool. I like to go to the pool with my family and friends and there is a lot of food and drinks.

**LASER TAG**  
Another one of my favorite things about camp Humphreys is the laser tag building. It is a fun place to go with your family and friends and there is a lot of food and drinks.

**BOWLING**  
My third favorite thing about camp Humphreys is the bowling alley. It is a fun place to go with your family and friends and there is a lot of food and drinks.

- Noah

**The SCOOP**  
Guy's Favorite Things About Camp Humphreys

**The PX**  
I like the PX for the lots of snacks, one is the snack bar. It is so good. Another reason is the food court. All the food is so good, but my favorite is Abby's.

**The Library**  
Another thing I like is the library. One reason is all the great books. Another is if you don't know where something is you can use the computer.

**HCES**  
I also like HCES for many reasons. One is the special. All of the special is so good. My favorite is the special. My favorite is the special. My favorite is the special.

- Guy

**The SCOOP**  
Mia Lee's Favorite Things About Camp Humphreys

**The PX**  
One reason I like the PX is because of the food court. I like food here. I can get a pretty good. I like the food because it is so good.

**The Commissary**  
I like the commissary because the food there is so good. My favorite thing to buy is a muffin.

**Bowling Alley**  
I like the bowling alley because my family enjoys it. I enjoy watching the game.

- Mia Lee

**The SCOOP**  
Amela's Favorite Things About Camp Humphreys

**The Pool**  
I like the pool because you can swim. When it's hot you can go to the pool and sit on the pool and relax. Then when you are done swimming you can go back to the pool.

**Warrior Zone**  
I like the warrior zone because it has a bathroom. I also like it because you can hang out with your friends and family. You can play games and you can talk and you can hear things like arts and crafts with them.

**Convenience Stores**  
I also like the convenience stores because you can get food to eat. You can also get things you need like groceries and more.

- Amela

**The SCOOP**  
Cameron's Favorite Things About Camp Humphreys

**The Water Park**  
The first reason I like Camp Humphreys is because of the water park. I like playing in the water because the pool is big. It is Olympic size.

**The Movie Theater**  
The second reason I like Camp Humphreys is the movie theater. Because it shows cool movies that have action. I also like the snacks like the popcorn.

**The Library**  
The library is one of the best things about Camp Humphreys because it has games and books.

- Cameron

**The SCOOP**  
Anna's Favorite Things About Camp Humphreys

**The Pool**  
My first favorite part about camp Humphreys is the pool. It's a great place to go in the summer and it's one of the best pools I've ever been to.

**The Bowling Alley**  
My second favorite part about camp Humphreys is the bowling alley because it's a really great place to play with friends and family. The bowling alley has a lot of fun.

**The PX**  
My third favorite part about camp Humphreys is the PX. I like the PX because there are snacks that have candy and there are many things to buy.

- Anna

**The SCOOP**  
Thomas's Favorite Things About Camp Humphreys

**The Water Park**  
I like the water park because it is the perfect place to go in the summer. You get to relax and play until the day is over. One of the best things about the water park is the slides.

**Makerspace**  
I like Camp Humphreys Central Elementary School's Makerspace because you can make stuff and do fun things. There are many things to do in the makerspace.

**Humphreys Sports**  
I like the Humphreys sports because it's a great place to play sports. There are many things to do in the sports area.

- Thomas

**The SCOOP**  
Luke's Favorite Things About Camp Humphreys

**The Pool**  
One thing I like about Camp Humphreys is the water park because it has a snack bar with delicious food and drinks there.

**Humphreys Central Elementary School**  
One other thing I like about Camp Humphreys is my school because my friends and I go there so we can learn and have fun. My favorite special is the hot nation where we learn Korean.

**Bowling Alley**  
The last thing I like about Camp Humphreys is the bowling alley because there are snacks and special things like birthday parties.

- Luke

**The SCOOP**  
Eli's Favorite Things About Camp Humphreys

**The Water Park**  
One thing I like about Camp Humphreys is the water park because on really hot days the snack bar sells ice cream.

**HCES**  
Another thing I like about Camp Humphreys is our school is Humphreys Central Elementary School (HCES) because it has a makerspace lab and I get to learn with all my friends.

**Bowling Alley**  
The last thing I like about Camp Humphreys is the bowling alley because it has special events and you can order snacks.

- Eli

**The SCOOP**  
Dariza's Favorite Things About Camp Humphreys

**The PX**  
The PX is a nice place to hang out with friends and family. Another reason I like the PX is because you can find a place to eat. The next reason I like the PX is because there is a lot of nice things to buy. The last reason I like the PX is that there is a little store with a lot of video games (cheap stuff).

**The Bowling Alley**  
The bowling alley is a fun place to go. I like it because the food is so good, and they hold special events like birthday parties. But some also have special events. I've even seen the PX on a Friday night going bowling with family and friends.

**The Library**  
The library is one of my favorite places to be. It is so quiet and calm. The books are so good. But I will recommend the video in the library. It is also the place where you can find a lot of books.

- Dariza

**The SCOOP**  
Javier's Favorite Things About Camp Humphreys

**Bowling**  
One of my favorite things about Camp Humphreys is the bowling alley because I get to hang out with my family. I get to hang out with them and also I go bowling with my friends. It is a fun time.

**Water Park**  
Another of my favorite things about Camp Humphreys is the water park because I jump off the diving board. I also like the water slide and the deep pool. I also go there with my family and I have a great time.

**Movie Theater**  
Last I like the movie theater. I like the movie theater because of the new movies. They are so good and I like the snacks and I like the movie theater.

- Javier

**The SCOOP**  
Mikaela Marie's Favorite Things About Camp Humphreys

**The Pool**  
I love the U.S. Water Park because it is Olympic size and has 2 diving boards. There is a food court with snacks and food.

**The Commissary**  
I love the Commissary because there are so many delicious foods to eat. And the Commissary is so big and awesome.

**The PX**  
I love the PX because it is so big and it's fun. There is so much stuff to buy in the PX.

- Mikaela Marie

**The SCOOP**  
Juliana's Favorite Things About Camp Humphreys

**The PX**  
I like the PX because there is a lot of stuff you need like clothes and toys and jewelry. You can also have the PX and more.

**The Water Park**  
I love the water park because I love playing in the water. I also like going down water slides and having snacks there. They are super good. But I cannot forget about the snack bar. It is the best.

**Basketball**  
I love basketball because playing basketball with friends is so much fun. I love to play with people. So, you should try it.

**My School**  
Humphreys Central Elementary School is my school. I like my school because it is so good. I like the teachers and the students. I like the school. I like the school.

- Juliana

**The SCOOP**  
Ayden's Favorite Things About Camp Humphreys

**The Pool**  
I like camp Humphreys because there is a cool pool. There are also fun slides and they are really unique.

**Bowling Alley**  
I also love the bowling alley because you can eat and have fun and have family time.

**Movie Theater**  
I also love the movie theater because there are so many movies to choose from.

- Ayden

**The SCOOP**  
Andie's Favorite Things About Camp Humphreys

**The Water Park**  
One place I like to go to Camp Humphreys is the water park. One reason I like to go is because there are fun slides and you can go like slides and having fun. Another reason I like to go is because it is so big. My little brother is so big and he can go on the big pool. One of the best things about the water park is the slides. There is a slide on the pool that is so big and it's so fun to go on.

**Bowling Center**  
Another place I like to go to Camp Humphreys is the bowling center. One reason I like to go is because the bowling center is so big. Another reason I like to go is because there is a bowling alley. There is a bowling alley. There is a bowling alley.

**Humphreys Theater**  
Another place I like to go to Camp Humphreys is the Humphreys Theater. One reason I like to go is because there are so many movies to choose from. I like to go to the Humphreys Theater. I like to go to the Humphreys Theater. I like to go to the Humphreys Theater.

- Andie

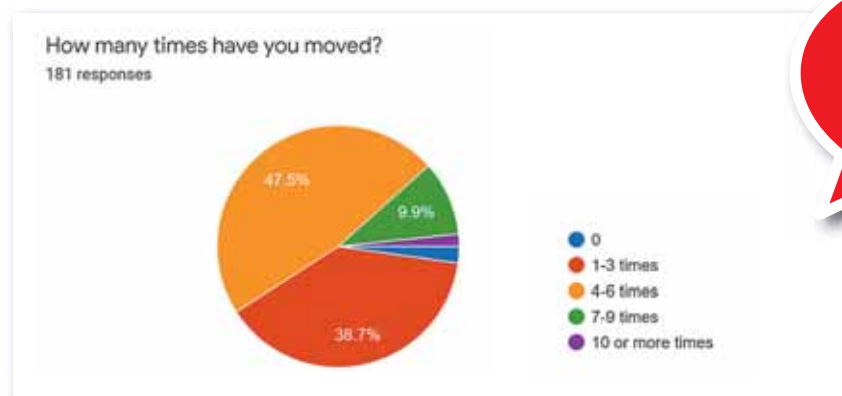
**The SCOOP**  
Orion's Favorite Things About Camp Humphreys

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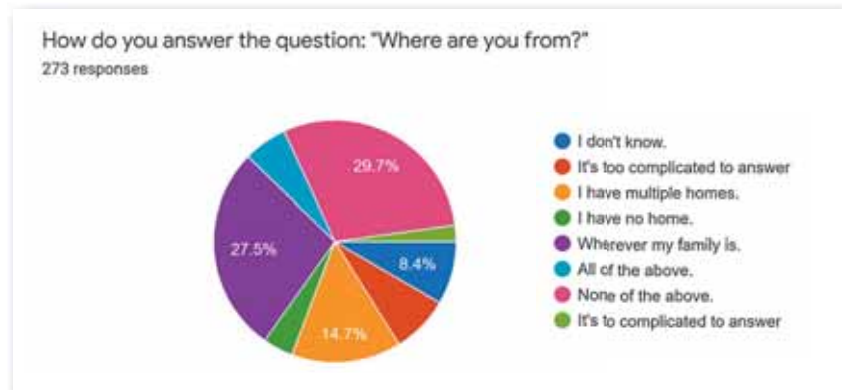
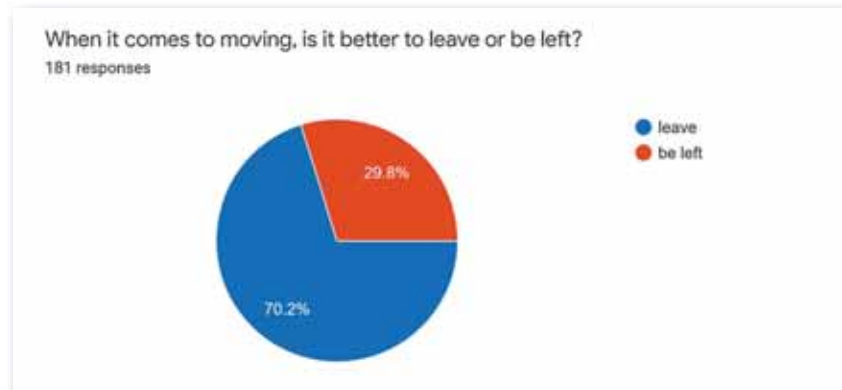
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- Orion



**Lester Middle School Wildcats filled out this questionnaire!**



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# FOND Adult reflects

STORY AND PHOTOS BY KENDRA MIGITA,  
LESTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

**S**oren Kierkegaard stated, "Life can only be understood backwards; but must be lived forwards." Currently, I work as a DoDEA teacher at one of my many alma maters, raising a family, which has paradoxically made me look backward to understand my past.

My son, Keiya, turns six years old this year, and my daughter, Rei, three. At least in the American system, Keiya will be in 1st grade, and "Where do we send our children to school?" is a discussion in my household.

For context, I was a military child and PCSed 10 different times and experienced nine other school systems, a mix of public, private, and DoDEA, before graduating from Kubasaki High School.

Looking backward to my military childhood, I see I had enthralling experiences and deep discouragements.

## Because I was a military child:

- I visited the Jamestown mentioned in history class.
- As I read Little House on the Prairie in school, I visualized the setting since rode through the plains that Laura did
- I understood how time zones worked on a visceral level, not just as a math problem in my textbook.
- I was steeped in various cultures, and my conversations in the halls involved bits of Japanese, German, Tagalog, and Spanish.
- My friends were my friends because they



were my friends. I didn't think in racial categories.

- I met a Japanese national, whom I married, and started a family.

## But, because I was a military child:

- I experienced culture shock when I returned to The States for college.
- Every chat turned into a philosophical problem when asked, "Where are you from?"
- I never experienced poverty and always had health care, so I didn't understand when my roommate hesitated to go to the doctor.



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# MEMORIES

## on military upbringing

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■ I claim multiple hometowns, which is a blessing and an extra complexity as Indiana and Okinawa are 6,000 miles apart.

Therefore, after graduating college in English Education, I immigrated back to Okinawa. I was entirely in the country on my merit, wanting to see the island as an adult literally from the “other side of the (base) fence.”

Looking back, I see that I have enthralling experiences and deep discouragements.

### At least in the places I worked:

- I made friends that wouldn't move every two or three years.
- I learned to flirt with my soon-to-be husband in Hougan, the Okinawan language.
- I learned to like goya (bitter melon) and not hate natto (fermented soybeans.)
- I developed a profound love for the people who live on this spectacular island.

### On the other hand:

- Getting jobs teaching English came unfairly easily; my college credentials were less important than having “the look.” I was a blonde American.
- I continued causing conundrums when asked, “Where are you from?” So I said Indiana instead of Okinawa- a partial truth but more easily understood.

Yet something wasn't quite right. I could feel this invisible barrier trapping me. It was not because of what I was, but what I was not, i.e.,

Japanese.

What was I? I found relief when I learned the term ex-pat. It gave me a tool for my linguistic kit. However, the word's connotations don't sit well because it seems like I am an ex-patriot instead of an ex-patriate. Therefore I coined the term Blue Seal Baby: meaning someone like the company's motto “Born in America, Raised in Okinawa.” I am pleased to be a Blue Seal Baby. Base is my hometown in this country, and I wanted to go home.

But as an adult, I wasn't allowed. I had aged out of the system and could no longer be a dependent under my parent's sponsorship. For the first time, the fence around the base stood as an unwelcoming barrier instead of a safe boundary. I had been educated, engaged, and empowered to succeed in a dynamic world by DoDEA! Moreover, I was a college-educated educator. Couldn't I at least substitute teach?

No.

I was deemed not qualified. Not for my qualifications, but because I didn't have an SF-50, a federal form proving I had “prior federal experience.”

What?! Isn't one of the mottos for military children, “We Serve Too?”

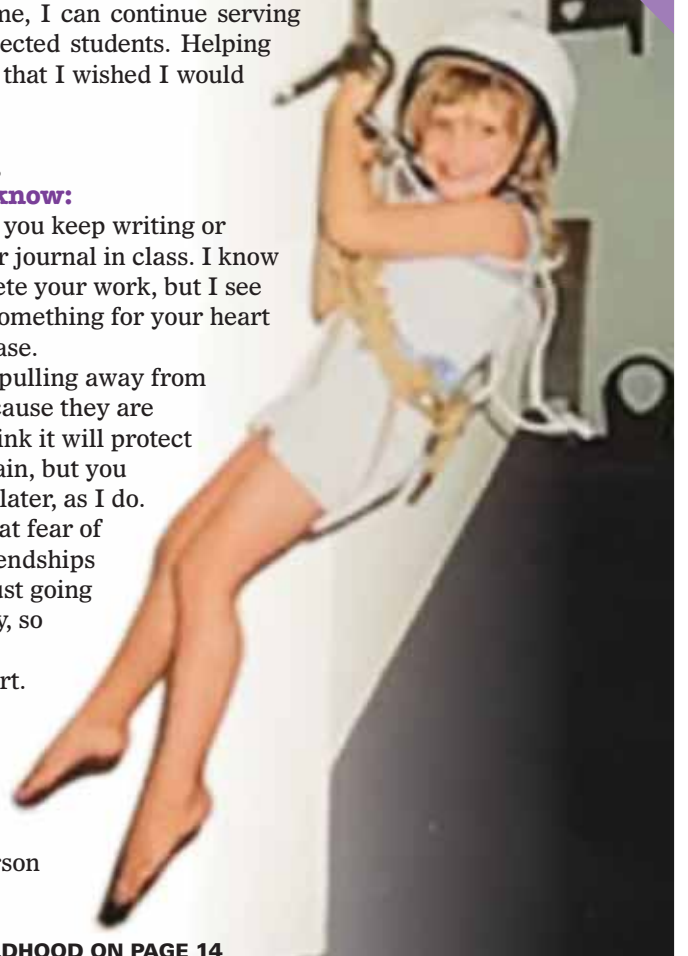
Though not permitted to substitute, becoming a full-time teacher was a possibility. Eventually, I accepted a SOFA position and now teach at the same school I went to at the same grade level I entered DoDEA as a child. Yet, I can't work forever, and I will again age out of my hometown. At least I don't have to leave Japan. I suspect some DoDEA teachers stay longer than

their health supports because retiring is losing home and their beloved military community.

In the meantime, I can continue serving my military-connected students. Helping them in the ways that I wished I would have been.

Dear Students,  
**I'd like you to know:**

- I sometimes let you keep writing or drawing in your journal in class. I know you will complete your work, but I see that you have something for your heart to express release.
- I know you are pulling away from your friend because they are PSCing. You think it will protect you from the pain, but you might regret it later, as I do.
- I understand that fear of investing in friendships when they're just going to leave anyway, so I'm ok that you guard your heart. As an adult, I still struggle to take the risk.
- I assigned your seat next to that person because you



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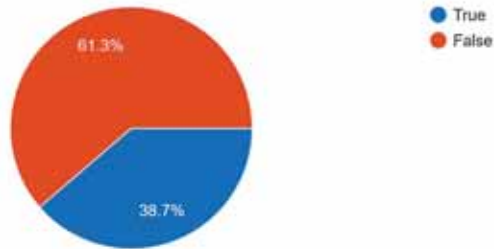
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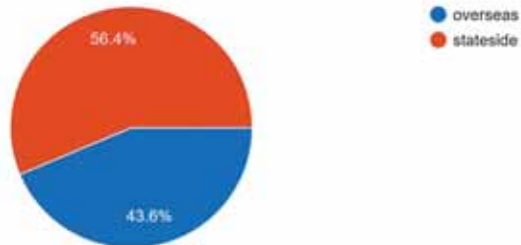
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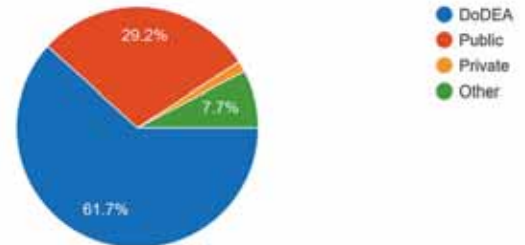
Which school system do you prefer to learn in?  
274 responses



Would you rather live overseas or stateside?  
181 responses



Which school system is easiest to make friends in?  
274 responses



# CHILDHOOD: Look backward and understand

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have some things in common and might create a friendship.

- I worry about you being kicked out of your hometown(s) when you age out.
- I pray for you.
- I know that living life forward as a military child is hard, but understanding it backward is enriching beyond words. You are allowed to be sad, grateful, and happy simultaneously.
- I never ask, "Where are you from?" but only "Where

do you consider home(s) to be?"

Now, back to the original question: "Where do my husband and I send our children to school?" Choosing schools poses a problem to the military children and parents every time they move.

At least for now, my husband and I believe that for our beautiful, bi-cultural babies, international school is the best choice to help develop their bilingual ability.

In any event, I will continue to do my best for my children in the same manner that I strive to do for my

students every day: to help prepare them for life anywhere on this planet and for a future with technology not invented yet.

I hope that when my children are the same age as my 6th-grade students and my 6th-grade students are the same age that I am, they will be able to look backward and understand their parents were doing the best they could as they lived forwards.

Dear Reader, I wish you the best in your "living forwards, and understanding backwards." Happy Month of the Military Child.





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## CELEBRATING MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

## HUMPHREYS CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## 4th grade / Mr. Taylor

I am Andy and I am from Colorado Springs. I am 10 years old. I am a military child and because of that I get to see new people and move to new places and explore those new places, like Korea, where I am now. And because I move a lot, I get to see exciting and fun places like Hawaii. I also see a lot of different things like temples. There are a lot of temples in Korea. I also enjoy local foods, my favorite being frijoles and rice. I also get to make friends, but we can move at any time. I know I can talk to my friends with Hangouts even if we are across oceans. I get to learn all about the different cultures and foods of the world. I love being a military child.

— Andy B.

My name is Isabella. I am a 4th grader and the military is pretty good. There's a lot of good stuff like libraries, schools and a lot of shops. There is also a lot like taking the flu shot and vaccines. Because of Covid a lot has been closed down, but I don't worry. Because there is a lot more.

My favorite place in the military is the library, not the school one. Because in the library (not in the school one) there are a lot of books and the best part is the chairs. There are a lot of great chairs like bouncing chairs, rolling chairs and more. It also has a great view. The school doesn't have great chairs, but they are still great.

The good thing about the military is everyone is kind. My teachers, my friends. The school is great. Everyone is kind and the teachers are always kind. We sometimes eat cupcakes because of teachers' birthdays. Or eat pie on Pi Day and the best part is recess!!

— Isabella H.

I personally think that being a military child is a little hard. You have to move around the world, you have to say goodbye to your friends, and you might have to leave most of your stuff in storage. Also, I might have to live in an apartment and sometimes it's hard to live in one because people make a lot of noise. You also have to be careful to not make noise yourself. The good thing about being a military child is that you can make new friends and see family if they live there. You can eat new things and go to places. My favorite place to go is a fancy hotel. I went to a hotel where they had a water park there. Unfortunately, we couldn't go because of Covid. The school I go to is fine but the food could be better. At my old school in Texas the school fed us fancy food or something like that. You might miss home but you will just have to deal with it.

— Bella R.

I am a military child and I like it and I have been to cool places like Colorado, Georgia, and right now I'm now in South Korea. I go to Humphreys Central Elementary School. As a military child, I live in the family housing towers, that are apartments for military families. At home I eat then once my dad gets home and we read Harry Potter, and I go to bed.

In my life as a military child, I get to see things that are not in America, like restaurants, hotels, and other things like pools, shops, and Korean barbecue. Also, I'm able to go to different cities like Seoul. It's a beautiful city that has nice places like Dragon Hill Lodge and Korean barbecue. It has the most people living there right now.

— Jason J.

How I became a military child is my dad had to move to Korea, so we came with him. We all packed up to go to my grandma's house. Then we packed up again and said goodbye to my friend, aunties, uncle, and grandparents. We had a bad day trying to go to Korea, and now... we're here! Having a good day.

We found the off-post neighborhood and my parents decided we can live there. And then I found the school that I'm in, and I love the school now! I'm making friends and there is easy math! I can eat snacks, go to specials, and after that I can go to lunch and then recess! Then I do math, go to the bus, and then walk home with my sis!

— Randy W.

If you are a military child like me, you will probably understand that being a military child can sometimes be hard, and it can be really fun. In this essay I will be sharing with you about my experiences being a military child.

When I first moved to Korea, a lot of stuff was different from where I lived before. But after a while I got used to Korea. Everything smelled and looked delicious and everything around me was breathtaking. I have never seen something as fascinating as everything I saw that day! It also took me a while to get used to the culture and traditions in Korea.

Even though you might move quite a bit you at least get to make new friends or see old friends. There are many fun things you get to do as a military child. And there's a bunch of new things to discover in your life.

— Mya C.

Being a military child is fun because there are fun places to go to like bowling or waterparks and stores only because you can get new things. I can go to places for my friends' birthday. I go outside sometimes with my friends to the school playgrounds for the building for kids to play on. I go outside to play with my friends but only at the school playground with my friends and brother. My mom talks to my friend's mom, and she can always watch us if anything happens because we can't protect ourselves and we will need our parents. Being a military child is fun. Even if you are not one it's still great. Korea off post is fun and cool. One time I went off post and it was different. It was colorful with so many people and so many tall buildings. It was so tall it was like New York City. Korea is like New York but a little bit more fun. That's what it is like being a military child and it's not all about fun. It's about family.

— Giannalee D.

I am in 4th grade at Humphreys Central and I am 10 years old. I lived in five different places in my life including Washington, Kansas, Germany, New York City, and South Korea where I live now. What I do not like about being a military child is you have to move a lot but you can see all different cultures and eat all different types of food and you find a new friend everywhere so it's not all that bad. I like where I have lived. They have been fun and great adventures. So, I guess it has its ups and downs but I am fine with it.

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— Liam P.

My name is Jayden Miller and one of the things that I like is the traveling. It's really fun to do because you can go see family and go to new states and more, like new landmarks that you have never been to like the Statue of Liberty. The landmark is cool and just flying itself is fun.

And the toys and stuff that I get like a PS5 and Xbox and iPad and iPhone. All of this stuff is really fun! And Legos! I have so many Legos that I can build a whole base and still have a lot of Legos left. After that I just build more and I also have more.

It's fun when you eat new food like clams and octopus. It's really one reason why I like being a military child. In conclusion, the reason why it's fun to be a military child is because you get a lot of stuff and get to travel.

— Jayden M.

I am Arthur and this is my experience of being a military kid. Being a military child is an awesome experience for me, but it is a little hard. The reason is because before in my old school we never did this. Being a military child is a great experience. Because of Covid we have to wear a mask and get the vaccine for safety reasons. Covid also made us shut down a lot of events in our school. But we can have some events at least. There was a shirt contest and you could do any design that supports our school like the HCES eagle and especially Month of the Military Child and if you won you would get a purple up shirt with your design. If I had the best top five experiences, Month of The Military Child would be in my list. Being a military child is the best of my life, but the hard thing is that some students or maybe you have to move. It is going to be heartbreaking when your friend is going to leave but if they got to move, they got to move. Being a military child is a fun experience but a hard experience because moving out is hard for best friends when they leave. Being a military child was kind of unexpected for me.

— Arthur C.

My name is Caden and I have been a military kid for my whole life and I like being a military kid because I can see different places, countries and cultures in the world. I met my best friend Colton in Washington and each second I try to call him. If I did not meet my best friend, I wouldn't be the person I am now. I lived in Washington for four years and I learned to take things apart and put things together and my dad always told me to do as much as you can in one day.

— Caden H.

Being a military child is fun and exciting like traveling to places for my dad when we have to travel to other states for his job. We mostly use our car to travel but when we traveled here, we used a plane because it was across seas.

When we move, I get to make new friends across the world, and I get to go places like a place I've been to called Kid's Cafe which is a big cafe that has a big playground and tons of places to check out and still more places to check out from here on out.

I mean it is fun traveling but once I make new friends, I have to leave them when I move. That's something that isn't fun to do for me. Also, a bonus that my family gets is a military discount when we go out for serving our nation.

— Sophie P.

Being a Military child can be hard sometimes. Why? You sometimes have to make a lot of sacrifices. Also, you can get many feelings like sad, happy, nervous, scared, excited and many more feelings. It's also hard because you sometimes have to leave your friends and family behind. I have to do that.

But there are also better things about being a Military child. One, you can move around and visit new places. You can also make new friends. My dad joined the military in 2010 I think and is still in the military today. So about 12 years. I sometimes do not like it when he's in the military because sometimes he has to deploy. That's why me and my family try to stay away from the states. So that's why we are going to Japan next. Since I was born, me and my family have been to Washington (where I was born), Puerto Rico, Hawaii, Korea, and my next stop Japan. So far, my favorite place has been Puerto Rico because I am a Latino/Puerto Rican and Puerto Rico has amazing beaches and views and a lot of my familia is there too. Like I said, being a military child is fun.

— Anabella

I was born in Seoul and lived there for six years. Then, I went to California, Virginia and other places. I loved Seoul because at Halloween there are people dressing up in monster costumes and even dinosaurs. In winter we can sled on a sledding board on the top of the hill! In summer we can play in a big circle tube in a swimming pool. Then, I went to California and I attended Lewis Elementary School. After California, I passed through West Virginia and settled in Virginia. In Virginia, we made new games in class and had table point buckets where the toys were. I got to visit my cousins in Ohio, and my favorite place is Ohio because it has yummy tuna sandwiches that I like.

Now I am in Pyeongtaek at Camp Humphreys in lodging. I learned how to play gaga ball here. When I go to a new school sometimes I am scared or confused about what to do and sometimes I am shy.

Sometimes in Pyeongtaek, I smell yummy meat or coffee and I heard a loud noise when I tested the loud sound tool on Pi Day, and we had a lockdown drill. My favorite food is triangle kimbap, a Korean food. In Lewis Elementary School, when I first came to school in second grade, I was scared and confused because I didn't understand what to do but later it was easier. I adjusted to my life as a military child.

— Matthew C.

My name is Blake and I love being a military child. I like the food in South Korea. We are trying to move to California, Africa, Alaska, Us Village and stay. My step-dad is an MP because he's an MP, we are in South Korea. The best part is on-base school. I think on-base school is the best. I have two best friends in California and South Korea.

If you don't know a lot about what an MP is, it stands for military police officer. And this is what an MP does. They protect peoples' lives and property on Army installations by enforcing military laws and regulations.

One lesson I learned is to like being a military child. I like school because I love on-base school to get better grades. I am learning about MPs and I am learning about the military because I might be one someday. I don't know what I am going to do, but I might be in the military. What I realize is you get so much money in the Army even when you aren't fighting anyone. But as a military child we get our house paid for. We don't pay, the Army does. I like to be a military child. Being a military child is the best.

— Blake

Being a military child is fun because you get to meet new friends and go to different places in the world. I live in South Korea and I live off post. I moved to South Korea from California because my dad was stationed here.

In California I went to Disneyland. It was so great I got to go on so many rides. In California I went to two different schools one was for 2nd grade and the other one was for 3rd and 4th. I didn't get to finish fourth grade before I moved but I still made new friends.

Before I was in California, I was in Virginia. I went to one school that had grades from Pre-K all the way up to 7th grade. I went to kindergarten and I was literally everyone's friend in class. In kindergarten I had the nicest teacher. She was calm, she'd give us nap times, and every Friday she would let us take a toy from a box that was named "the toy box".

In first grade I had some of my friends in kindergarten in my first grade class. My teacher was chill and we would have some station rotation and sometimes we would do spelling words and two girls in my class would do 5th grade spelling words while the rest of the class was doing regular spelling words.

In conclusion I like being a military child because you can go around the world and meet some new friends.

— Antonio W.

I like moving to different places but at times it can be hard. I make lots and lots of friends all the time and since I move a lot. I also have to leave friends and family most times. So far, I have moved from Kentucky to Texas to Korea and plus I'm going back to Houston, Texas. One of my favorite things about being a military child is being able to explore the world more often then, I would if I was not a military child. I'm moving away from Korea in about 4 days.

— Madison D.

My name is Archer. I am a military child in 4th grade. Being a military child is very hard. You have to change schools frequently. You leave your friends. However, you can still talk to them. Sure, it is hard, but also fun because you can go overseas. If I was not a military child, I would not be here in Korea.

Living in Korea is so fun because the people that live here love children, and the food here is delicious! For example, bibimbap is veggies, rice, beef and eggs. All the food here is salty, but not too salty. Also, it is nice being in a foreign country. Sure, I miss being in the U.S.A, but if I was not here, I would not get to explore. For example, I would not be able to visit Japan or Jeju Island. My point is, it is fun to be able to go places.

Another thing about being a military child is you can see your Army base or camp get defended. Also, you can see your friends from across the world! Sure, it is hard seeing them stay while you leave, but you can keep in touch with them! Which is sad, but it opens new opportunities! So, being a military child is like taking one step back, two steps forward. In conclusion, being a military child is hard, but fun.

— Archer M.

I am a military child. My Dad and Mom were both in the military, so if your parents are in the military then that makes you a military child. You will be sad because being a military child you have to move and leave your friends. I am moving in 2 months and 13 days. I am going to miss my friends and teachers. Moving away makes me feel very sad because I am going to miss everyone.

Being a military child also makes me feel happy. I feel happy when I help other military kids. Being a military child is very helpful to anyone. If you can be helpful. You are a helpful military child and your moms and dads are helpful because they are also military. Can you be helpful to people in your neighborhood?

— Serenity P.

Being Military child can be fun but not fun. One of the fun things is that you make new friends. One of the not so fun things is moving, because you leave your old friends.

One of my favorite things about being a military kid is going to new schools and making new friends at school. Trying new sports like flag football and climbing is a bonus too. I have also gotten to do new clubs like robotics, Prodigy, and Minecraft Club at school. I also get to experience new cultures and activities, like taiko drumming in Okinawa or wearing hanbok at Gyeongbokgung palace. I also get to try new foods like bulgogi, kimchi, curry and gyoza. One of the best parts of going to different places is shopping for new souvenirs.

The worst thing about military kids is you never stop moving. You stay in one place for a little while then you leave then it repeats. The places I've lived so far are the US, Japan, and Korea.

— Ronin P.

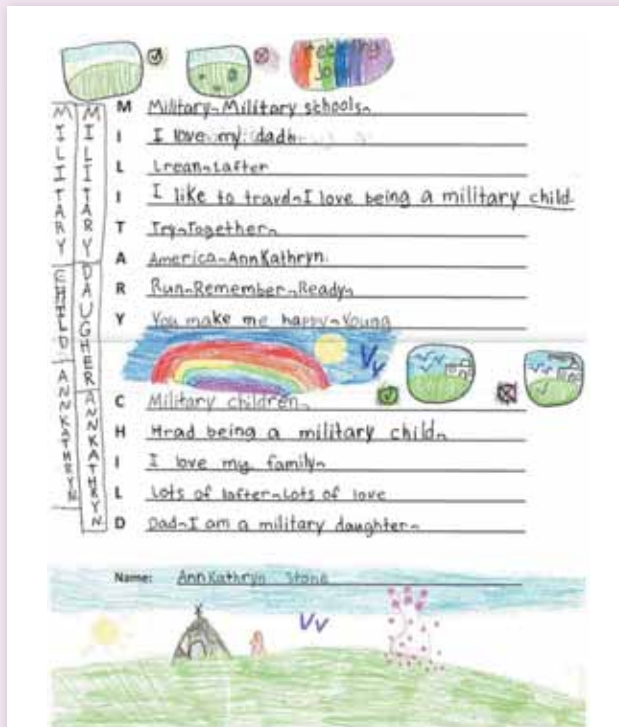
I have been a military kid my whole life and I have done some awesome things in the process. I am 10 years old, so I've been a military kid for 10 years. When my family moved here to Korea we went to Seoul Tower. It was really tall. And we put a keychain that you can buy and put them on a gate. When we lived in Kansas, the pool's high dive was high and I mean HIGH! When people jumped off it looked like they were flying. I feel happy that I'm a military kid because I get to go to lots of places. And try new food. There will be changes but I can live with them.

— Grayson Y.

## CELEBRATING MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

So what it is like to be a Military Child is that we move a lot and sometimes we go to other schools and even my best friends move to other places and we go to other schools and make new friends.

- Jayden Hahm, 4th grade  
Humphreys West Elementary School



- Ann Kathryn Stone, 1st grade  
Humphreys Central Elementary School



Chris O' Sullivan and London Brown of Lambda Xi Chapter with kindergarteners at Osan Elementary School on April 18.

## Lambda Xi Chapter promotes Purple Day!

BY MICHAEL ROBINSON

The Brothers of Lambda Xi Chapter visited Osan Elementary School and Camp Humphreys Middle School located on military installations in South Korea to promote Purple Up Day 2022 for Military Kids. This annual event held during the month of April is recognized by various members and organizations around the world by wearing purple to show support and thank military children for their strength and sacrifices.

The color of purple represents the combined

colors of all branches of the military: Army green, Coast Guard blue, Air Force blue, Marine red, and Navy blue.

During the school visits, the Brothers of Lambda Xi Chapter presented a short presentation about the Month of the Military Child featuring this year's theme: "Military Children and Youth: Standing Strong and Proud".

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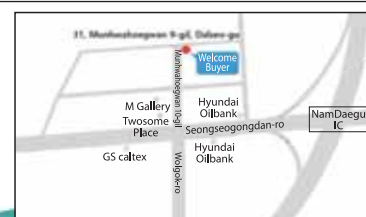


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## Celebrating Month of the Military Child

*Humphreys Middle School*

5th grade / Dr. Jones

**H**ello, my name is LJ. I am a military child because my dad is in the Army. I was born in Las Vegas in August 2010. I along with my family have been moving to different places ever since. Let me explain, when I was born we moved to Colorado Springs in Colorado. We then moved to Honolulu, Hawaii. We lived there then moved to Maryland. In 2016, my sister Bella was born. Everything was normal until coronavirus affected the globe including our family. Because of this, I had to finish 3rd grade through online school which felt overwhelming.

Then, in 2020, we moved overseas to South Korea where we currently live right now in 2022. About my parents, my Dad currently works in the Army where he works with computers and my Mom works in an office in the hospital. They work hard to provide for me and my sister. I admire their hard work and dedication to our family.

At times being a military child feels good. However, there are some things I dislike about being a military child. I enjoy being a military child because each time we move, I get to explore different cities. It makes me sad to be a military child because of feelings such as moving away from my friends. I also have to get used to a new environment each time I move. But I am still proud to be a military child and I hope Covid-19 will end as soon as possible.

- Leonard Acoba

**H**ill! I'm Gabriel Fowler and I'm a Military Child, Being a Military Child is awesome! And when school stuff ends and it's like spring break, you can go to very cool places like hawaii! You can even fly in the Delta airlines when your going for vacation too, But, you sometimes get re-stationed a lot and it's annoying When you have to just say good bye and just leave your friends like that, But, think of the bright side of this! You're able to see new places as a military child! And don't worry when you still can't talk to your friends! Because you can buy a lot of toys and other stuff as a military child so you have friends,

- Gabriel Fowler

**Military child**  
I am a military child.

I always move  
I say bye to friends

I change schools

Military child

**Both**

We both are loved

We both are still connected

We are proud of each other  
Or  
**WE ARE PROUD**

**Military-Connected child**  
I am not.

I always stay  
Friends say by to me

I do not

Not military child

- Emily and Alexandria

Hi my name is Liam st. andre.

When I move, I have to leave my friends behind.

I usually live on-base.

My dad Usually has to go overseas for work.

I usually have to move every year

I usually don't have to learn other languages

I get to meet lots of kids because I move a lot.

I get to learn a lot of new things because I move so much!

I don't get to learn that many new things because  
I don't moved so much

I get to go to on-base schools.

And I get to go to local schools.  
So you see, Between the both of us,  
We are very, VERY, different.

- Aaron and Liam

**I** might be a military child,  
and also quite wild.  
But I grow where I'm planted,  
and an ability I'm granted,  
to make new friends  
and whenever a tour ends,  
the friendship extends and bends  
Around the world  
I'm always sad when I have to leave everything behind,

but new friends and a new home I'll always find.  
I know that I am unconfined  
by the place I call home  
because people around the world  
and down the block  
and up the street  
still care about me  
and that, I can guarantee.  
I've never lived near family,  
and always moved away from friends,  
so sometimes it's hard not to miss them.  
But I know that they'll come to visit.  
And every moment that they're there  
I'm always aware  
that they are no millionaires,  
they don't have a private jet  
or a personal assistant,  
they are just normal people like me  
Taking their time to give me glee.  
So, I'm thankful to them all  
For teaching me to get up when I fall.  
And though I've only seen their faces on a screen,  
It's nice for their faces to be seen.  
So, I may be a military child,  
And sometimes quite wild.  
But I'll always win the prize  
When they see how high I rise.

- Abigail Battcock

**B**eing a Military child is great  
but when you leave your friends it ain't  
You get to see new things and make new friends  
and do it over and over and over and over again  
You have to stay tough no matter what  
but that's what makes me a Military child

- Khamron Summers

**I**'m a military child  
I like to play  
I like to be kind  
I like to go to school  
I'm a military child  
I'm unique  
I'm the child of God  
I'm a military child.

- Jazmen Barroso-Ortiz

**A**military child  
Yes, that is definitely me  
The military could be wild  
Because we always flee  
I move from place to place,  
And I say bye to friends  
I always go to school on base  
But I do make new friends  
It's sometimes emotional,  
To say goodbye  
But people fly over oceans  
Am I right?  
But when your mom or dad retires,  
When you move on  
And when your ID expires  
You always are a military child.

- Emily Park

**I** have to travel between states  
Although the skies are always gray  
School is really cool  
But sometimes I drool  
Some of the kids are my friends  
I like to bike to school  
But school always has to end  
And I always run out of fuel

- Beau Gee

**M**y dad is Brandon Bradford  
He works hard everyday  
He always work with his computer  
He take care of our family  
He buys me Lego cars  
I love Lego cars  
My dad is tall and strong  
He is in American Soldier.

- Julian Bradford

**I am a military child**

I have left many friends

I miss them

I have left many places, I hate it! I have left many places I know it is necessary

I am stronger than most

It is time to move again This sucks

I miss my old house my room was awesome

Time to move

I hate being a military child

So many problems

I am a military child

**I am in the military**

I have lost many soldiers

I miss them

I have left many places I know it is necessary

I am stronger than most

It is time to move again wonder where

I know my family will like this new house I picked out

Time to move

I love being in the military

I am a problem solver

I am in the military

- Iris West

**Dad**

I am a soldier

I am in the military

I have been in war

I've lost many friends

I am hardworking

I've lost my dad

We have freedom

We have been in trouble

We are apart of the military

**Child**

I am a soldier's child

I am a military child

I have never been in war

I moved away from my friends

I work hard in school

I lost my grandpa

- Jasmine M

**ME**

Oh no we're moving again

I'm a military child

I like to talk about cartoons

No not sack food

I have to be left at my grandparents

I got picked up late

What are they saying we don't speak this language?

Dad swearing is fine

Time to party all night

Wait mom

After all the struggles we are there for each other

**both****Mom**

yay we're moving

I work in the army

I rant about work

yummy I love stake

I don't want to leave my child

I want to go home now

don't say that in front of the baby

don't stay up too late

hurry up I'll be late for work

- Alexandra Ayuso

**B**eing a military child  
May be wild  
But it can be fun  
When you are done  
It may be sad to leave  
And it could be hard to receive  
The new air  
Over there  
But you can make a friend  
In the end  
It's sad to say goodbye  
And you may cry  
But you will have every  
Good memory in your heart  
And it won't leave like a fart

- Elijah Sun

**B**orn in Washington, Joint Base Lewis-McChord.  
Smart, Kind, Funny  
Who loves to travel.  
Who loves the ocean  
Who loves family  
Who fears war  
Who fears spiders  
Who fears leaving people behind  
Who loves the military  
Who loves winter  
Who loves being a military child  
Who feels the importance of Friends  
Who feels the importance of family  
Who would like to see the world  
Who is a military child.

- Amelia Melvin

**S**ometimes I'll have a bad day  
Sometimes I'll have a good day,  
Every day is not the same,  
Sometimes I have to say goodbye  
Sometimes I have to say Hi,  
Sometimes I am mad  
that I have to say goodbye to all my friends,  
but I get glad  
I get to make new friends,  
I get to embrace on new places and  
I get to see new faces,  
I get to go to a new school  
which is cool but  
it might be a drool,  
I move every year or two  
And it is hard  
to say goodbye,  
and when I move away I tell myself  
that It is ok to say goodbye,  
In the end, I get to make new friends.

- Yanswel Orria Medina



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**H**i my name is James.. I am going to tell you about my life as a military child. I would say my life is good and somewhat bad. My dad is in the military and he works early in the morning and late in the night. So I barely spend any time with him. Also, he always has to cover for people when they do not want to do their job. So he has to work extra because people are slacking off. Also one time when me and my family were in quarantine my dad kept on having so many phone calls and meetings. Aslo, whenever he is supposed to finish work he still goes back to the computer to work more. So I can't spend any time with him. Plus he is very strict. However, those were the bad things. There are plenty of good things. My dad provides my family water to drink and food to eat and I am very grateful for that. And sometimes he is very nice and likes to joke around when there is a holiday and he has no more work to do. Also on weekends he takes me and my family to fun places and he went to Springfield one time. Overall, my life as a military child has been pretty good and pretty bad. It has good days and bad days. By James.

- JA

**H**ello! I'm Malia, and my military life has been easy! When I was born, me and my family were in Las Vegas, Nevada. After 5 months, I moved to Korea for 4 years. Honestly, I don't remember much from the experience. Something I remember is when my little sister was born while I was there. After 4 years of being in Korea, I went back to Nevada. I stayed there for another 4 years, I remember a lot of it because I mostly grew up there and started school. During those 4 years, it was amazing because I got to see my family and go to many places such as Legoland, Cowabunga Bay, Glow-Zone, and many more! When I was about 8 years old I moved back to Korea for probably 5 years.

- Malia Jaylene G.

**B**eing overseas is fun but hard for different reasons. First, leaving behind all your friends and family is so hard and sad. It is very hard to video chat or call each other because of timezones so when my cousin is playing and wants to talk I'm in bed. On the other hand, you can explore many places like Seoul and Busan. Another fun thing to do here is hike mountains, my favorite is Pinnacle Four. My third favorite thing here is the food, it is very unique and yummy.

My favorite food here is kimchi and kimbap; I am also learning how to make kimbap. First, you take seaweed and place it flat on a mat. Then, you place whatever filling you want on the seaweed. Finally, roll the mat and you will have a kimbap log! Cut the log into whatever size proportions you want. Bon appetit!

My favorite place to go in America is to my family's Cape House in Cape Cod. We do two-week trips there! We have a garage and in there is an attic and that is where we sleep. A commonplace we go to in the summer is the private section of the beach and it's only a seven-minute walk! It is very hot there so the cool seawater is nice. Sometimes if we're lucky my brother, cousin and I can play with water balloons after the beach!

Even though being a military child is hard I like it all the same.

- Cameron B.

**M**y name is David, and I was born on June 6th, 2011. In Texas, (Where I was born) My parents bought a nice house and we lived there until around 2012. After we moved to DC my dad was deployed. We stayed there and I was a young toddler when I met my first friend/best friend. We would always go to restaurants with him and his parents. And I remember on Tuesdays our parents would switch kids, basically meaning that I would stay at his house and he would stay at our house for an hour. Then we moved... I was heart broken. Eventually, I got past that and then began to pester my mother to visit him. We got the house on the massive hill. Except... We DID NOT like the state. We lived in North Carolina. The only good thing was that we lived in a nice house. I made three friends, two "big" kids (They were brothers) and one more friend who was 4. I think... Then I moved to Arizona. I LOVED IT. I still think it's the best place in The United States, if not THE WORLD. It had amazing views and we did not live in a nice house. But at school (in second grade) I met one of my closest friends and we still talk to this day.. Then we moved here, to Korea. That's it!

- David J.



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**M**ilitary life is good. I get to travel the world and meet new friends and see my family. I get to try new things and visit new places. But one thing I don't like is I have to leave behind friends when I move. Even though I leave behind old friends, I get to explore places and sites where I go to next. Another thing that I like about military life is my parents can find new foods we can try at markets and stores. Places we go to also have different types of stores we can go to and buy new things. New places that we go also have new people and different animals we can see. We can go to different zoos and see animals. When we go to different places I also get to see new tv shows and movies, and if I ever wanted to watch a movie that is exclusive to only there then I would get to watch it. I can learn new languages in different places and go to different parks. I love visiting new places, but I also like military life because of the different music. I can listen to different songs and bring them to other places. In my perspective, military life is great and the people and places we get to see are amazing. I hope people get to visit places like military people do.

- JAYCE J.

**I**f you are a child, and think that there is a difference between regular children and military children, you are wrong. Being a military child is different because you have to travel with your family about 2-3 years every time and it gets very tiring. I am in Korea right now and it is a very beautiful place, but in the humid summers, there are always swarms of mosquitoes. The other place I was at was California. It was also a beautiful place and we lived so close to the school that we could walk there. We also got lucky and got a house with two stories, a basement, and an attic. You also have to go to school for a long time and that is also very tiring, but something good about being a military child is that people feel sorry for you for moving around alot, especially if you have lots of siblings. Another good thing about being a military child is that you get to meet a lot of new people, places, and food! I love to learn about new things, especially animals! You can also, if you get lucky, get a pretty nice house to live in. Making friends is fun, but when you are a military child, and since you have to move a lot, you never get to see them for a long time.

- Avienda L.

**I**'m a Military child, I have 3 siblings and I am a middle child, I also have three dogs. I have lived in Augusta, Georgia for seven years and then moved to Kora and have lived here for about 3 years now. Here in Korea it's hard to find a big house because we have four kids and my grandpa lives with us so we need a house that has at least six bedrooms and has a decent size yard for the dogs. I don't know too much but my dad used to serve in the military and he has shown us his uniform before, and told us stories about it too. I haven't lived in many places but I have visited many places before like Washington, Atlanta, Japan, Tokyo, busan, seoul, Jeju, these were some of the places i have visited before. I don't move a lot but here in Korea I have moved to three different houses while I have lived here. I dont move to different places but I have heard that some people move at least every two years which I feel like that's a lot and might be too much for me at least. I think it's much harder for my family to travel because of our dogs so when moving places we have to make sure the houses have a good yard and a pet friendly area. That's how I feel about being a military child.

- Lillyne W.

**L**ife as a Military Connected Child is not easy.

It takes lots of patience and understanding about what your parents do and how much you have to move. A Military Connected Child lifestyle is not easy.

This means moving constantly and saying goodbye to many friends. Personally, I've been to six different places as a Military Connected Child, and it has not been easy. However, I along with many others at least all have enough patience to endure it all. So, all in all living as a Military Connected Child is not easy, but it sure creates many memories and experiences.

- Katelyn M.

**P**eople might think that there is no difference between a military child and a regular child.

If you thought that way, well I'm sorry but that's wrong, I have a harder life than an average kid has. I experience stress and my parents have been injured which stresses me. And mostly moving around frequently is another thing you might think that it's not really anything but you're wrong because that makes me to not have any chances of making friends and I don't get used to my environment cause I keep moving.

Some good effects of me being a military child is I learn a lot of different kinds of languages because I'm moving around a lot of places and I'm picking up language each time. But as a result I don't like moving to other places because I want to make friends and go to school the one I'm familiar with. So even if you like to move around very frequently I don't prefer being a military child. I wish I could change my soul with a regular child with regular parents that aren't injured or dead and have regular friends. Even tho I say I don't like you to my parents I actually love them in my heart I just can't say it because i'm not brave enough to, but maybe when I grow up I can say I love them.

- Aiden J.

**M**y dad is an officer in the army. Almost every weekday, he goes to work and sometimes has to go in really early in the morning to exercise. One of the things I like about my dad being in the military is that we get to move to different places and try a bunch of different things. I live in Korea because he is in the army. When my dad is at home with us, we all do something together as a family. Since I don't get to see my dad as much as I see my mom, we sometimes do stuff together like watching a movie or playing a game. Sometimes me and both of my parents watch a scary movie for fun. We also play lots of board games as a family.

I have lived in five different places. Being a military child means that you have to occasionally move to a new place and leave all your friends. But it is good because we can move to new places and learn new things and meet new people. I also have to switch schools a lot so once I adjust to a new school, I know that I will have to leave it again.

I have had a bunch of different friends, but sometimes I don't feel like I should make many because when I move I will have to leave them. The last time I moved I left my house and my neighbors, but it was sad because they were my best friends there and we played together almost every day.

- Daisy N.

**Y**our parents met each other and put on rings then they had you, that's a very cool thing. as military child it is very wild, If you lucky, sometimes you'll go many places, have a good time and meet many new faces. You can get a wide variety of education, but there's a lot of diseases so you might have to get some shots or medications. If you go to landmarks you might see quotes, but to see those some of your luggage might have to go on boats

- Tanner S.

**I**would say that it isn't bad but not the best, because you're learning less than you would in public school. Your travel is another thing because let's say you make some good friends but you would have to go somewhere else or a new duty station. Some perks are military hosted activities and you might get to move somewhere you like or have always wanted to go. You get military discounts on food like popeyes and little caesars pizza. You learn how to make friends easily if you travel a lot but that's for both sides. Military child you don't actually get a real home but you get you have an apartment. As I mentioned in the sentence before this you get an apartment apartment is small. I'm so if you're like my parents and you have a lot of kids this would not be good for you. So that's why being a military child isn't that good. A final perk of being a military child is not necessarily for Children but for parents. However many kids you have you get paid for each kid which helps with your paycheck. So this is my opinion about being a military child.

- Jordan M.

**I**am a military child. My family and I have been to a lot of places over the years. We spent most of our time in Georgia. But when I was younger we went to Belgium, France and we loved it there! My dad on the other hand hated it! But he learned how beautiful the palace can be! We lived next to a farm and I would feed the cows leaves, they were so cute. When I heard that we were moving to my room and cried but I learned that being a military kid had its ups and downs but it's always fun.

When we moved back to Georgia, I was in third grade at the time and I made lots of friends that I miss to this day but I know that I will see them again but when I was there I found my best friend Chloe! Me and her were so close that we never left each other's side! We were like sisters are still are, me and her got mistaken for sisters way too many times to the point where we would say yes! It was so funny to us but then the whole school found out about it and we couldn't stop laughing! Then we moved here after two years. Now we are here in Korea and I want to learn so much about this place! I can't wait to learn what I can do in this place.

- Zakiyah M.

**I**have been in Korea for about 3 ½ years and I am going to be staying here for about 2 more years. It is fun here. There is lots of fun stuff here, yah yah, 50 words. So I found out you need 250 words so I guess I need to type more. We go to lots of fun places here. We have a dog and a cat. I have a mom and a dad and a little sister. Sometimes we go to California and other places. It's hard to have birthday parties because you keep moving. I have to watch movies on the plane when I am bored or take a nap. It's hard at the airport but it is ok too. Next it is not too bad on the plane or airport. The only bad thing is we can't take our pets with us. We go to california sometimes and see my friends. I see my family who are also going to florida. My dad is in the army. So Korea is a fun place. I don't have much to say anymore soooooo I just say about myself now. I am ten years old and going to be eleven in august 9th 2022. I just need to type a little more but I guess this is done.

THE END

- Sebastian S.



celebrating Month of the Military Child

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1st grade  
Ms. Choi



Are you a military child? I am a military child, so I move a lot. I don't like moving because I have to pack up everything. Even though I don't like moving, I like seeing other places. You might go someplace fun!!!!!!!

-Gian



I am a military child. I move around in America and Korea. I like to make new friends. I am a military child.

-Luna



April is the month of the military child. I move around the world with my family. I make new friends. I like being a military child.

-Tiffany



April is the month of the military children. Military children is when you can move place to place. You wear purple too. What do you do for military children?

-Julianna



I like to be a military child. It is fun to be a military child. We get to celebrate the military child. I like to see many places on the planes. I came from America to Korea. Being a military child is fun.

-Josiah



I am a military child. I like to see my dad at the military. I like traveling because last time I went on a plane I had ice cream with my lunch. I like making new friends because they can share toys and snacks. I like being a military child.

-Sean



As a military child, I can do fun stuff, and I can travel. When I travel, I can see my cousins sometimes.

-Karl



My Dad was in the military, so I am a military child. I like to travel and see many places. Being a military child is fun. I like to see my dad.

-Olivia



I am a military child. I move around the world. I lived in LA in California and Korea. I love to move around the world but I dislike having friends. What do you like about being military child?

-Carolina



My name is Yuna. I am a military child. I like going to school on base. I like my friends. It is fun to be a military child.

-Yuna



I am a military child. I move around the world. I have lived in America and now I live in Korea. Military children have freedom. I like the military. Do you like the military?

-Kadie



I am a military child. I like to travel, but I do not like to fly because flying makes me sick. That's why I do not like to fly, but I like to travel because I like to make new friends. I like being a military child.

-Jordyn



I am a military child. We can make new friends. We move around the world. I like to be free. I have fun. I like to be a military child. What do you like?

-Amelie



I am a Military Child. I move around the world. I make new friends. Are you a Military Child? What do you like?

-Cora



I am a Military child. I like to move around the world. I can see many places. I lived in America and in Korea. I like being a military child.

-Gabriella



I am a military child. I like making new friends. Also, I like to move because I want to go everywhere. I like being a military child.

-Amy



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# celebrating Month of the Military Child HUMPHREYS WEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

4th grade  
Mr. Torbellin

**H**ello, my name is Kaden! I am the son of Micheal who is an engineer in the Army. There are some good and bad things about being a military child. The good thing is that you get to visit new places, but the bad thing is that you have to say bye to your friends when you move. Sometimes when you move it can be good you make new friends, and you get to go to new places where you moved.

-Kaden Young

**B**eing a military child can sometimes be hard because when a family member goes out to war you are always worried if they are going to come back. But you also get to live in different places around the world. When my father joined the military our first assignment was Fort Bragg, North Carolina. It was a big change for me. But it was one of the best changes of my life. When I got to N.C I had nothing to do, but another kid moved in two days later and he was my first friend in N.C. My friend's name was Deion and we loved all the same things. Then years passed and then I got the assignment to go to Korea and he got the assignment to go to Africa. We still communicate and I am going to see him in Africa for Christmas. When I lived in N.C I had a lot of friends. Me and all of my friends got a new path of inspiration to dig trenches and have trench wars. We also went into the woods to explore and build bike paths with jumps. Lastly, we even started a business, we would sell a bunch of snacks and make lemonade to sell.

-Levi Delaney

**H**!! My name is Abriana, and I am 9 years old. The way I am associated with a military kid is because my dad is a Sergeant in the Army. You see I've moved to three or four places while my dad has served in the army. Life as a military child was kinda lonely because when I get friends I have to move. For example, one time I had a close friend in Nevada. Soon after we became best friends, we were torn apart when I had to move to Texas. I did not have a lot of friends, so life there was so-so. Well let me describe how good being a military child is. Honestly, it is good when you get to go to new places. But the worst part was when my dad went on deployment. Can you imagine your parent being gone for 6 months!!!! But I am glad it is over because that was when I was 8 years old. I am at a new school and have a lot of friends now.

-Abriana Sharnak

## I'm a military kid.

We are strong.  
We are brave.  
We are amazing.  
We are courageous.  
We are tough.  
We are confident.  
We are adventurous.  
We are creative.

Purple up for Military Kids!

-Ethan Patague

**I** had visited many places with my family but I don't count as a military child but I can remember such happy memories. I have traveled and lived in three places, Japan, Texas, and Korea. I don't move very often, but I have made many friends, mostly in Texas. My dad's job in Texas and Korea is working at an army hospital. My mom also works at one here in Korea with my dad. I sometimes don't feel normal for the places I go but I'm happy to travel to new places with my family and make new friends. Even though I'm not a military child my dad works with the military so I feel like one.

-Ashton Alequin

**H**ello, my name is William and this is my story. I came to Korea from America at the age of 4 back then I was pulled out in the middle of daycare without knowing where we were going so I got on the plane to Korea. 5 years later I have lots of new friends and a sister. That is my story.

-William Curry



**B**eing a Military Child you might think it's great but sometimes it's not so great.

You have to move a lot and it gets really hard because you have to leave your friends and it's great because you can make new friends but they're not like your old friend.

I'm a Military Child and I know what it's like for me. It was really hard, even when I knew I was moving. I got so sad I didn't want to move but I knew I had to.

So be grateful you are a Military Child because they are going to get better just when you believe in it as I promise to the people you love you will never forget them and that's how you never lose them promise they are your best friend for life never forget you are special.

-Janelyz Martinez

**H**ello everyone my name is Alexandria but people call me Alex for short. I am a young African American girl who goes to Humphreys West Elementary School. I love math and when I grow up I want to be a world-famous chef and baker. Being a military child is fun and a bit sad. I love to travel all around the world and make new friends but I miss my old friends back in the states. As I make new friends, I also learn about their culture and the culture that I'm learning about where I moved. And my mom makes new friends. But the best part of being a Military kid is that my friend from pre-k will always be there whenever I move.

-Alexandria Rhodes

**H**i, I'm a Military Child and my name is Maximus Villanueva. I like being a Military Child because I can travel and do new things or make new friends. So, being a Military Child is really good for me. I travel and go to many places and visit many temples and visit my family. My dad works at Stars and Stripes. He works hard and we have to move a lot. So Military Child is Great but at a cost of moving all the time.

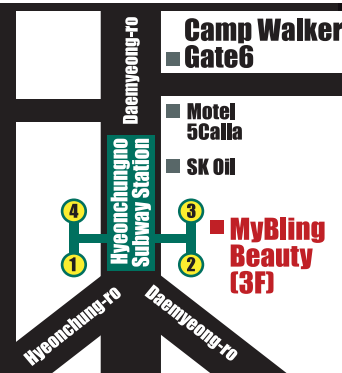
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Hangul of the week **발바닥**  
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## Language Lesson

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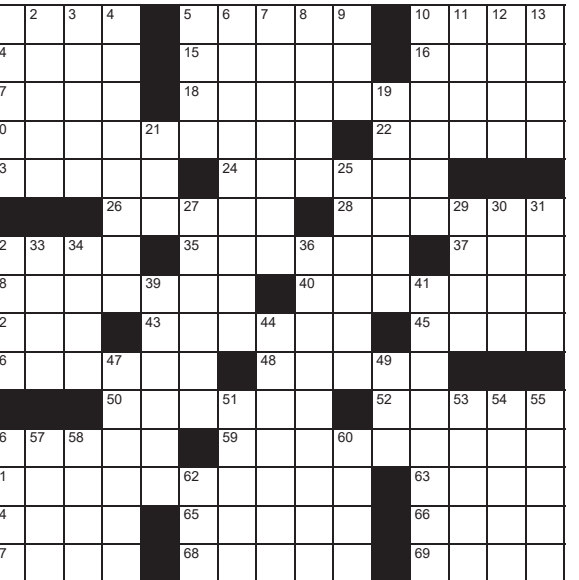
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## Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

### ACROSS

- 1 Salary limits
- 5 Sign of life
- 10 one's time
- 14 Away from the wind
- 15 Pass into law
- 16 Bidding site
- 17 Reddish-brown
- 18 Good-looking
- 20 Send into a swoon
- 22 Reacts to yeast
- 23 Triangular Greek letter
- 24 Like many wedding cakes
- 26 Welles of film fame
- 28 Swelling reducer
- 32 Leave a mark on
- 35 Take the pulpit
- 37 One of Mickey's exes
- 38 TV cabinet
- 40 Twisting Chubby
- 42 "Tarzan" extra
- 43 Reason out
- 45 Ethereal
- 46 Beginner, slangily
- 48 When tripled, an Elvis tune
- 50 McDonald's clown
- 52 Meddlesome sort
- 56 French farewell
- 59 Fuel for big rigs
- 61 Workplace trouble, sometimes
- 63 Not fooled by
- 64 Send forth
- 65 Rotini, for one
- 66 Civil rights org.
- 67 Work well together
- 68 Unable to relax
- 69 Property title



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- 3 Necklace item
- 4 Ottawa's NHL team
- 5 Gardening moss
- 6 Lacking in schooling
- 7 Base "facilities"
- 8 Rockslide debris
- 9 Capt.'s guess
- 10 Come to pass
- 11 Egyptian bird
- 12 Kevin Kline title role
- 13 Spud's buds
- 19 Nativity scene
- 21 Golfer's concern
- 25 Heavier, as a dessert
- 27 Stomach neighbor
- 29 Make cookies
- 30 Say it's so
- 31 Larson of "The Far Side"
- 32 Read a bar code
- 33 Manage somehow

- 34 One more time
- 36 Fender benders
- 39 Rotten to the core
- 41 Social worker's work
- 44 Worst looking
- 47 Bit of fresh air?
- 49 Caustic cleaner
- 51 Commercial creator
- 53 Present time
- 54 Boxer's quest
- 55 Vocally
- 56 "Beg pardon ..."
- 57 British title
- 58 Pupil's place
- 60 Legal postponement
- 62 Chic getaway

### Answers to Previous Crossword:



## SUDOKU

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Difficulty: Medium

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

### 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:

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

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