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Chris, 1st Grade,
Daegu Elementary School

Celebrating Month of the Military Child

Read more military children stories inside!



Good heart

My life as a military kid is special because I have a good heart. I help people. I share things with people. My life as a military kid is very special.

Kiara, 1st Grade,
Daegu Elementary School



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Korean Etiquette 101

Korean etiquette can look complicated from the outside, but here's the truth:

- Koreans don't expect foreigners to be perfect. They simply appreciate sincerity.
- Etiquette is not about rules — it's about respect, harmony, and warmth.
- Greetings: The Bow + Handshake.
- A small bow is enough. Don't overthink it.
- Combine it with a gentle handshake — often with your left hand touching your right arm. It shows sincerity.

■ Two Hands

When giving or receiving:

- business cards
- gifts
- drinks
- money

Using two hands is a universal sign of respect.

■ Shoes Off Indoors

Many Korean homes and certain restaurants require removing shoes. Just follow your host's lead.

■ Names and Titles

Koreans rarely use first names in serious or professional settings.

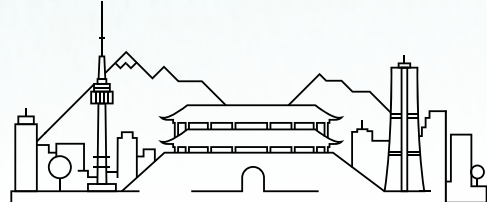
Titles matter:

“Director Kim”

“Teacher Park”

“Manager Lee”

When they say your name with “-ssi,” it's a polite form of address.



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■ Meal Etiquette

Meals are shared. Side dishes belong to everyone.

Follow simple guidelines:

- wait for the oldest person to start.
- try a little of everything.
- don't stick chopsticks upright in rice.
- enjoy the warmth of eating together.

■ Drinking Etiquette

- The younger pours for the older
- The older returns the gesture
- Some people turn away politely when drinking in front of elders

These gestures are about humility, not formality.

■ Everyday Politeness

- Speak gently.
- Avoid loudness in public.
- Apologize easily.
- Consider others.

Korean etiquette is not about being perfect. It's about showing heart.

■ Why Koreans Speak Indirectly

Americans often ask me: “Why don't Koreans just say what they mean?” The answer is simple: Korean communication protects relationships first.

■ Polite Ambiguity

Koreans avoid blunt refusals because they care about your feelings. “No” becomes “Maybe later.” “I don't want that” becomes “Maybe something else?”

It's emotional intelligence, not avoidance.

■ The Art of “Nunchi”

Nunchi means “reading the room.” It's awareness, empathy, timing and emotional sensitivity. Koreans read moods without words.

■ A Soft Landing for Everyone

Indirect speech gives both people a comfortable exit. No one feels rejected or embarrassed.

■ When Koreans Do Speak Directly

It means deep trust, strong urgency and high emotion. Directness is intimacy in Korea.



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Daegu Elementary School

1st Grade · Mrs. Manning

Name: ENZO

It is special being a military child because we could live in another country. I get to different schools. I love seeing my dad getting paid. My dad can have a cool job and a large

Name: Gavin

It is special being a military child because I get to live in different countries. I was born in the USA and now live in Korea. I get to go to different schools. I get to travel the world and meet new friends.

Name: Phoenix

Being a military child is special because I get to travel around the world. I learn different languages and meet people from all over the world. I was born in Georgia and now I live in Korea.

Name: [unclear]

It is special being a military child because I can go to different countries. I can see my dad work and I can see my dad get paid. I like to see my dad work and I like to see my dad get paid.

Name: Ahya

It is special being a military child because I get to move countries. I get to see my new friends. My dad works in the army and has a special job.

Name: Aziel

It is special being a military child because I can move around the world. I can see my dad work and I can see my dad get paid. I like to see my dad work and I like to see my dad get paid.

Name: Latta Rice

It is special being a military child because I can live in a different country and celebrate my birthday. I get to go to the playground on base. I was born in Korea.

Name: Georgia Root

Being a military child is special because I see my dad save the country. I see my dad save people, kids and animals. I like to see my working. I am lucky because I was born in Korea.

Name: Seth

It is special being a military child because my dad works on machines. My dad works on machines. I was born in America and now I live in Korea. I have new friends when I move.

Name: Abu Alvarado

It is special being a military child because I get to move from a school to a new one. I was born in America and now I live in Korea.

Name: LYAM

Being a military child is special because I get to live all around the world. I get to try different foods. I get to learn different words. I get to see a military is special and that is why being a military child is special.

Name: Elic Monica

It is special being a military child because I can move to different countries. I can go to my dad work and I can see my dad get paid. I was born in a different country but I live in Korea now.

Name: Connor

It is special being a military child because being a military child is cool. Being a military child is fun. It will always be an adventure. We learn new things. I was born in Riverside beach and now I live in Korea and make new friends.

Name: Enzo

It is special being a military child because your mom or dad can get you to protect the country. You get to celebrate for your mom and dad. Your grandpa can come and stay at your house so you

Name: RYZO

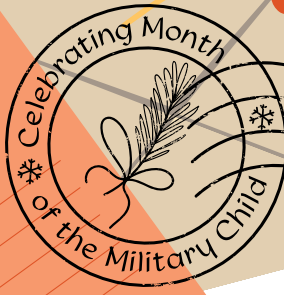
So you can spend time with them if your mom and dad are working. That's how your grandma and grandpa can come to your new house.

Name: Parker

It is special being a military child because I get to see military stuff. I get to go to the military base. I can go inside. I get to see my dad fly a helicopter. I was born in

Name: Ryan Zhang

It is special being a military child because the military is special. My dad got a badge. I liked to have been a military child. My whole family has in the military. Love the military. The military keeps us healthy and safe. I love the military.



Daegu Elementary School

1st Grade · Mrs. Diaz-Latouche

Devin

I think being a military child is cool. My dad works for the army and that's why we move. I like to go to school and play with my friends. Thank you dad!

Brandon

I think being a military child is good because I can meet new friends. Also being a military child is cool because I can help people and meet new friends to and new friends.

Ethan

I think being a military child is hard work. I have to go to a different school every day. That's why I think being a military child is hard work. Thank you for help. Love you dad and our world.

Oliver

I think being a military child is fun. You get to go around the world and you get to make new friends. Thank you dad for helping me.

Yaher

I think being a military child is good. You get to go to new schools. That's why I think being a military child is good. Thank you dad!

Victor

I think being a military child is fun. You get to go to the school. You get to have friends. You play to go on vacation. That's why I think being a military child is fun. Thank you dad!

Lucas

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Lucy

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Maribel

I think being a military child is fun. You get to go to the school. You get to have friends. You play to go on vacation. That's why I think being a military child is fun. Thank you dad!

Maria

I think being a military child is fun. You get to go to the school. You get to have friends. You play to go on vacation. That's why I think being a military child is fun. Thank you dad!

London

I think being a military child is important. We do a lot of work. We need to leave my friends and go to new places. Thank you mom!

Gabriel

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Sam

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Maximus

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Sam

I think being a military child is fun. You get to go to the school. You get to have friends. You play to go on vacation. That's why I think being a military child is fun. Thank you dad!

Alfonso

I think being a military child is good. You get to go around the world. You can meet new friends and that's why I think being a military child is good. Thank you dad!

Luca

I think being a military child is special. I get to live in different places. I get to meet new friends. That's why I think being a military child is special. Thank you dad!

Luca

I think being a military child is fun. We travel all around the world. We make new friends. We get to go to new schools. That's why I think being a military child is fun. Thank you dad!

Alfonso

I think being a military child is fun. I get to go to new schools. I get to meet new friends. That's why I think being a military child is fun. Thank you dad!

CELEBRATING MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

Humphreys Central Elementary School

1st Grade • Mrs. Rickett



The Military Child
 I think being a military child is fun because I am proud of my Dad because he is in the Army. I like playing with my Dad. We play tag and I get to go to playground with him. I love Mrs. Rickett at HCES. I love being here with my friends.
 Zaiden Graham HCES

The Military Child
 I like being a military child because I am proud of my Dad because he works hard. I go on field trips to museums. I get to meet new friends. I love my teacher Mrs. Rickett. I love being a military kid. Camille Lechuga HCES

The Military Child
 I think being a military child is hard. I am proud of my Dad and Mom. My Dad is in the Army. I get to go to new places like Seoul. I love being at HCES. Being a military kid is hard because I have to go to school.
 Palmer Gransback HCES

The Military Child
 I think being a military child is fun. I am proud of my Mom because she is in the Army. I get to play with my toys. I get to spend time with my Mom. I love my HCES school because Pe is fun. I love being here with my Mom.
 Khalil Peterkin HCES

The Military Child
 I think being a military child is fun. I am proud of my grandpa because he works hard to get money. I get to go to the ocean. I get to ride a ktx to go back to green hills. I love pet and art at HCES. I love being here.
 Lionel King HCES

The Military Child
 I think being a military child is fun. I am proud of my Dad because he is in the Army. I love my Dad. I get to go to new places. I went to Hawaii. I like my new school and I get to do new projects. I love Korea.
 Sadie Gilliland HCES

The Military Child
 I think being a military child is fun. I am proud of my Dad because he is in the Army. I like my school. I get to read and love. I love my Mom. I am a military kid.
 Jaxon Mueller HCES

The Military Child
 I think being a military child is fun. I am proud of my Dad because he works hard. I love my school. I love being here.
 Raul Rodriguez HCES

The Military Child
 I think being a military child is fun. I am proud of my Dad because he works hard in the Army. I get to go to places like Hawaii. I love my teachers at HCES. I want to learn with my teacher. I love being a military child.
 Kossie Schwab HCES

The Military Child
 I think being a military child is fun. I am proud of my Dad because he is in the Army. I like trying new food like Korean barbecue. I like riding on a plane. I like my teacher at HCES. I like being a military kid.
 Mina Foley HCES

The Military Child
 I think being a military child is fun. I am proud of my Mom because she is in the Army. I like HCES and PE. I have the best teacher. I get to do school. I love Korea. I love being here.
 Samara Kellington HCES

The Military Child
 I think being a military child is fun. I am proud of my Dad. I get to go to Hawaii. I love the water park. I love PE. I love it so much!
 Gabe Ellison HCES

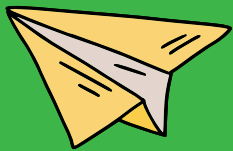
The Military Child
 I think being a military child is fun. I am proud of my Dad because he is in the Army. I go to the playground and I play with Sadie. I like my friend Violet and she is in my class so HCES. I go to ride on my bike with my friends.
 Angelina Li HCES

The Military Child
 I think being a military child is fun. I am proud of my Dad because he is in the Army. I go to new schools. I want to learn with my teacher. I love my teacher Mrs. Rickett. I love being here with Dad. Luke Garcia HCES

The Military Child
 I think being a military child is fun. I am proud of my Dad because he is in the Army. I like my friend Angelina because she plays with me. I love to go to new places. I love my teachers at HCES. They teach us to read.
 Violet Lee HCES

The Military Child
 I think being a military child is fun. I am proud of my Dad because he is in the Army. I love my school. I love being here.
 Blair Conkright HCES

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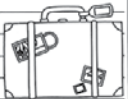
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Humphreys Central Elementary School

2nd Grade • Mr. Binfield

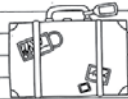
I'm a military kid
By: Bayla Armstrong grade 2

I'm a military kid and I love what I like to move because I can try new foods. My favorite food is Kimchi. I can travel my family we went to America. I like being a military kid.




I'm a military kid
By: Thomas Daniels grade 2

As a military kid I find it's hard to visit family and friends. I have to be like video games. My friend says he's the legend of Zelda. I have a lot of friends like Kye, Kinsey, Ely, David, Rafael, Cassius, Jackson, Aaron. I make new friends when I move.




I'm a military kid
By: Luis Edwards grade 2

Being a military child is kind of hard because your dad might make you get up really early but you really want to sleep. He might make you do a lot of homework but when you finished he has to leave for work and if he's gone you have to be one to answer your questions unless you have friends, well you might even be at school and you have a higher chance to have friends there. You might not have friends you might PCS a lot, and when you PCS you go somewhere new you have to find new friends. That's why being a military child is hard some times.




I'm a military kid
By: Davia Berenbach grade 2

I'm a military kid. I came from Kentucky. I love Korea. I like PCS because I like going on to the airplane. I did not like when my dad went away for 8 months. My dad is in the Army and my mom works for the Army. I like being a military kid.



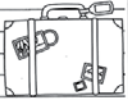
I am a military kid
By: Haley Garvais grade 2

When I grow up I want to be in the army because my dad used to be in the army but now he's retired so I want to be in the army for my family. I want to fight for everyone's lives. I love trying the new foods in every new country.



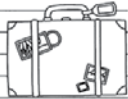
I AM A MILITARY KID
By: Rupal H. Mittal

My dad is in the Air Force. He flies a jet. I want to be in the Air Force too. I came from the US to Korea. I like my new friends. I like being an Air Force kid.




I'm a military kid
By: Anvitha Jovet grade 2

Being a military kid is hard because your parents have to go. Being a military kid is scary because you go to a new school. Being a military kid is fun because you make new friends.



I'm a military kid
By: Aaron Kim Grade 2

I'm a military child who does hard things. When I'm older I will go to the Army because my dad is army. I want to be more health things. When I am older I will buy a big house and live with my mom and dad. I like being a military kid.

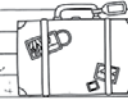


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I'm a military kid
By: Chanel Key Grade 2

I'm a military kid because my dad works in the army and my mom is a military kid because I try new foods and a another reason is I make new friends. and also my Dad had to go away for a long time and a other reason is I will move when my Dad plays.




I'm a military kid
By: Anthee medhurst grade 2

I am a military kid and it's fun and sad. The fun part is that I see family members. The sad part is that I have to leave my old friends. Moving is hard. I have to stay in the car for two days. I love most things about being a military kid.





I'm a military kid
By: Zoe Meyer Grade 2

This is my story of a military kid as a military kid I was in Kansas. My Dad was in Korea. I was sad that he left we're so sad that we moved to Korea. Then I to a lovely school call Hods elementary school and I made a new friend which is Allison. She is very nice to me I went to her house before it was fun. And then my Dad had to go for training. After he left I try new food which is real hot dog it tasted petty and I tried being good but I keep on fighting with my sibling and when my Dad came back we're happy again.




I'm a military kid
By: Christopher Nair Grade 2

My dad is a soldier he was a soldier for many many years. He is in the field for a week. He shoots a lot he practices with snipers. He is a fighter. I have a friend named Thompson Daniels. John is my favorite game is Fortnite. My favorite sport is Judo Jitsu. My school is called Centrelemente school. My teacher is Mr. Girard. He is very nice. I like being a military kid because I like moving. Now you know why I like to be a military kid.




I am a military child
By: Isabela Nelson grade 2

I'm a military child and when you are one you have to move away. You also have to make new friends. Being a military child is also when you move schools and see new teachers. Being a military child you also need to try new foods. The places I've moved to is America, Korea and others. I don't know. Being a military child is hard some times. But it's also easy to being a military child you also have to travel a lot when you go move somewhere.




I am a military kid
By: Ava Gescher grade 2

I'm a military kid and that could mean a lot of things like moving, trying the new foods and making new friends. But sometimes your parents will go on work trips but they will always come back. Also when your parents are gone you could play with your siblings and play board games like Monopoly and Uno. But my favorite thing about being a military kid is the moving part because I could make new friends in different states and countries like my best friend Lottie.




I'm a military kid
By: Emilia Payne Grade 2

It is really hard to be a military kid. You have to move a lot. And make new friends and go to a new school. Sometimes your parents go away. You have to try a lot of new food. And you have to say bye to your friends. Some time you want to move so you can see your friends. I want to move so I can see my friends. But I still want to see my other friends. And I am moving soon. I'm so happy but my other friends are not going.




I'm a military kid
By: Rafael Biveta Diaz grade 2

I'm a military kid I move now I am in south Korea. I also have to get ready for new things like a new school and new friends. As a military kid for two years you will be away from one of your parents and you might be sad because you might miss your mom or your dad. Being a military is hard because it's hard being away from your friends and being away from family but it is part of being a military kid.



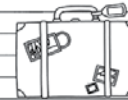
I'm a military kid
By: Alianna Salma Grade 2

I'm a military kid and this is my story of being a military kid. I must live in Killeen, Texas and then I moving to Korea. Then I went to a new school and I made new friends. I made friends with Zoe and Ava, Haley, and Chanel, Doris, Gwenn.



I'm a military kid
By: Doris Tang Grade 2

I'm a military kid because my Dad is in the Army. Sometimes my Dad had to go to a new country because my Dad had to go and work there. And I can make new friends. I can have a new house. And my Dad will work there. And I can travel new places that I've never seen.



CELEBRATING MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

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Month of Military Child

By Mael Atinhounon



I am glad to be a military child because I get to travel to places and make a lot of other friends.

I get to explore new places and meet other teachers. I also get to go to different schools and learn different things including different languages and different cultures.

I am proud to be a military child.

Month of Military Child

By Urit Jin

Hi I am Urit. And I am a military child. I like to be a military child. But sometimes I don't like to be. Because my dad is in the army so if there is a war my dad has to go there.

And I do like it because it's COOL!!!! And if I move I get to have more friends!! And I like to have a big house.

In America I know there is a big house in America I believe. And I'm excited to go to my new school!!



Month of the military child

By Azariah Juchniewicz-Armijo

I like how I am in a military family because the military is the best!

My dad is in the military. The military protects the country. And my dad too!

My dad loves to be in the army but he loves me too.



Proud Military child

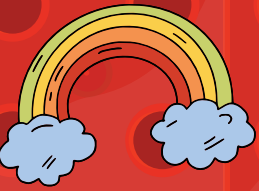
By Vincent Crenshaw

I am proud to be a military child because I love my dad serving the Military and it's right to do it. Being a military child is fun even though you move a lot it's still great being a military child.

A military child is always tough and ready for the day. My dad is a great military guy. Because he wants me to reach the top and try to be the best. Being a military child is great, when I grow up I'm going to be in the army.

The whole month of April is celebrated as the month of the military child to recognize and support kids who are a military child.

On April 1, the month of the military is here, also purple is the color for the month of the military child. Being a military child is really cool. And I wish the people who are military children good luck.



Month of the Military Child

Month of the Military Child

by Isabella Rosas

I love my dad because he is the best and I really love him and he is very strong. :) But he has back issues and he can't have milk because it will give him a tummy ache, so he drinks soy milk and chocolate milk.

We really like to play video games together and sometimes my sister and my mom like to play! Also we like to go on bike rides, and one time he was rewarded for working hard and being the best and he got 3,000 dollars for that!

My mom, well... She doesn't work in the military but... she did work at a dentist before and I either want to be a dentist or an astronaut.

Sometimes when my dad has diarrhea and tummy ache, he still goes to work! The military is cool because they use tanks, guns, weapons and other stuff. The military is cool!

Month of the Military Child

By: Loah Shin

I am a military child. I think it is special because I get to move to new places. It is very fun.

My dad went to the army when I was in kindergarten. I loved going from California to Texas. I was 6 when this happened. It was sad because I needed to leave my friends. Korea is the fifth place I moved to. I love my military family a real real lot! I hope we have a great time in Korea together.

I am proud to be a military child because I get to move to new places and experience new things and make new friends. I also go to military schools in military bases. I like my military life. I am proud to be a military child!



Military Kid

By Bryce Walker

I am proud of my military family because it is fun. And we make a ton of money. I also like weather, not rain. I also like the waterparks and the rides at the roller coasters.

The first reason is that the military helps people and fights for us and is nice. so the military goes to war and always wins and the USA Army is the second strongest army in the world. But the number 1 strongest army is Pakistan. And we eat pho which is a type of soup I also eat Sushi.

The second reason is that we travel around the world and I make new friends and do more work and eat different food. I also meet new people and get new teachers and play games, like soccer. Also they arrest people, and the navy helps with the seas. There is also the Air Force they help you travel. You also play new sports like tennis soccer in Brazil Kendo in Japan.



Month of the Military Child

Month of the Military Child

By Cayten Cannon

I am proud to be part of a military family because our country will stay safe and we will keep our country clean and safe and military people safe. And military families will keep bad people out of our country and safe from bad people from getting into our country so all of us can stay away from our country.

If you are part of a military family you can watch movies and cartoons and go on vacations and if you are lucky you can go to work with them and get some more snacks when you get hungry and before you might get burger king and might go to the exchange for snacks and food and explore around the area around you.



Proud to be a Military Child

By Allison Schmarje

My dad can go away for a long time but I know he will come back. He is my hero and he will always be. He can make me happy. He tries to be a good dad, a good son, and a good soldier. I love him and how he helps my family.

Being a military child is so so hard. It is hard to move but it is all going to be ok. When your dad leaves, you need to say bye. I have to say bye a lot to my dad because he has to go so much but I'm used to it. I love my dad. My dad is in the U.S. Army. He is so brave to be an awesome dad. My dad is a platoon sergeant. He has been in the army for 13 years. My dad is Justin.

I'm proud to be a military child. Thank you for reading my moth of the military child.



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Month of Military Child

By Alana Castro



I am proud to be a military child. Some people think that being in the military is bad. They think that because of moving and other stuff. But in my opinion being a military child is the best. Here is why.

I love how my dad goes up and beyond every day for our community. He stays up late a lot for our community to be better. But there is 1 thing that I don't like at all. The thing is when he gets deployed. One time he got deployed for 6 months. But I know that he will come back. And I am so thankful that he has been in the military for more than a decade. Also when he has enough time then he will play with me.

Those are the reasons why I think being a military child is the best. Also I hope you love my military writing. THE END.

Month of a military child

By: Joy Wadsworth



Proud Military Child

I am a military child because my aunt works in the Air Force, and my uncle works in the Space Force, and they live in America and I don't move very often.

My dad just works on a military base. I think they are diligent too because they wake up at 5 am or 6 am. Some people wake up at 4 am too.

I like to be a military child because they are cool. They are so nice and brave too. They are mostly smart too. That's why I'm proud to be a military child. Thank you for reading! Bye!



Why Are You Proud to be Part of a Military Family

Nathan, Y. Jeon



I am proud to be part of a military family because...

Reasons:

My dad will protect me. My dad is near my school when he's working. I get to be in an English school.

Examples:

If I'm not feeling good and my mom is too busy, my dad will pick me up early because my dad works near my school. I can have more friends, and less time in school with more space instead of being stuck in a small room. That is why I'm proud to be in a military family.



Month of the Military Child

By: April Oester

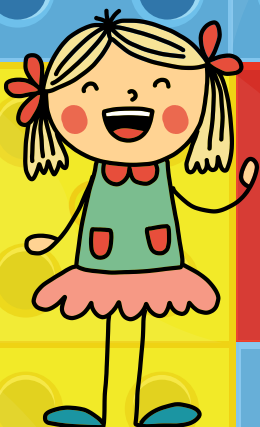
I am a military child. My dad is in the Army. I am proud to be in a military family, because I feel special. I think it is special to be a military child. Why I think it is special to be a military child is because you always move, so you get to go to so many places.

My Military Child Life

All my life my dad was in the Army. Since my dad was in the military, we moved a lot. It is sad moving because I have to leave all my friends. It is fun moving because you get to go to a lot of places and experience new things. So far I have lived in 5 places including Korea.

It is interesting moving around different places. Before Korea I lived in Texas for 3 and a half years. I miss Texas because I lived there for a long time. I go to a school on a military base. I have had a lot of friends because I have lived in many places.

Sometimes if one of your family members is in the military they might have to go on a special trip for work. My dad might have to go to Hawaii for work. Sometimes if one of your family members is in the military they might have to stay at work late or stay overnight at work. This week my dad had to stay at work late. Last year my dad stayed at work overnight. I like my military life. I am proud to be a military child. That was my military child life. Thank you for reading my writing. Bye Bye, Have a great day!



CELEBRATING MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

By Connor C.

Hi everyone. My name is Connor, and I am a military kid. Being a military kid means you get to go on some adventures but also some things are kind of tough. One cool thing about being a military kid is that you get to travel A LOT. Right now I'm in Korea. My grade is 3rd grade and I really like Korea. I've even tried new foods like kimchi (that's like spicy garbage... I mean spicy cabbage! Not exactly chick-fil-A, but it is okay.

One bad thing about being a military kid is that one of your parents may have to go away 3 or 4 months ago. My Dad was on a trip for 3-5 months. I'm sad when my Dad goes away it is like a puzzle with one piece missing. But I could not wait until he came. I am still working on some new jokes to tell him when he comes back like what the ocean says to the sand, nothing it just waved.

That is why sometimes being a military kid is sometimes hard. I'm really glad to be a military kid because we get to be strong, brave, and flexible. And I'm ready for the next adventure whether it's a new country or a new school. Thanks for reading or listening.

By Kyler K.

Life as a military kid. My dad must go to military to help the country sometimes it's boring without my dad but he helps the country soon on I might join the army just like my dad. My dad is a good farther thank you dad.

By Oliver M.

Hi, my name is Oliver and today I will tell you how life is as a military child. My dad works as a military soldier. I like being a military child because I get to see cool places. I moved to different places like America and South Korea. South Korea is a fun place! I like to go to school!!!!

3rd Grade • Ms. Baker

By Rylan F.

Life as a military child can be hard because you must leave family, leave friends, be brave and go to places you've never heard of. It can be hard saying goodbye to people you've known what seems to you like forever. We miss big moments with people we love and sometimes feel everyone we've moved away from forgot us even though we miss them so much. My dad is in the military and it's hard to say goodbye when he leaves sometimes because whenever he takes a work trip, I've been wanting to come with him every time, but I couldn't. I miss him a lot when he's gone because he's a great dad. It made me sad, but I was brave. We must be brave and strong even though we are little. Sometimes you get lucky and somebody you know gets to move to the same place as you, it can be exciting! You make new friends then leave them and make more new friends then leave them again, it's like the circle of life! Life may be good though because you see all types of pretty places like Seoul in South Korea or all the cherry blossoms in South Korea too! That is my life as a military child.

By Tristan V.

Being a Military child is a little hard because you must move every 2-3 years and you have to leave your friends. Also, your dad or mom will have to go to war and they might die and you will never see them again. But you can also see new places because you will have to move a lot. So being a Military child is hard but also can be fun.

By Naila V.

To be a military child is fun but sad because when your dad goes to a military school it is hard without him. I am also glad my dad is in the military. He also works very hard. Sometimes it is hard to move to other places, but you also meet new friends. I am also grateful because I can travel to different places and we learn their culture. Sometimes you can miss your family, but we try to see them and that makes me feel happy. Military kids are strong, brave and hard working. Thank you for your service.

By Kailyn "Sabi" V.

What I like about my dad being in the military is that we can move to different countries and explore the world, also soldiers like my dad protect us, and it is a very important job. I really appreciate what he does, it makes me feel very proud to be his daughter. Soldiers work so hard, thank you all for your service!

By Liam Rubianes S.

Hi! My name is Liam and I will tell you about life as a military kid! First because you must travel a lot you can see all the world and do more fun things! Also, it could be sad because your dad might go to war, but my dad did not go to war. And lastly your mom or dad helps the country out and gives essential services.

By Emmanuel Z.

Hello, my name is Emmanuel, and this is how I feel about being a military child. First, I get to go into a helicopter. But the sad thing is I must see my parents leave most of the time. Also, I soon get to go on a trip to Alaska. Lastly, my dad sometimes brings me stuff and it's cool. So that is my life of a military child.

By Savannah. Rose. C.

Hi, My name is Savannah Cook and today I will share my life as a military child with you. Today, both of my parents still serve in the military. And my parents have been in the army for 20 years. It is so fun being a military child because you get to see some places that other people do not get to see. But, one sad thing is that you have to leave a lot of your friends.



But, if you are a military child you probably feel the same way as me.

My mom is a commander that works at a field hospital. And part of being in the military means you get to meet some really cool people like my dad's boss in Germany, General Carter. I think he was the best boss ever. But, as a military child you should be proud to have a parent that serves in the military. Like I have been to Korea, the United States, and Germany.

Have fun being in the military!!! Thank you for your service! Go Army!!! Thank you for reading!

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By Sebastian V.

Hi, I am going to tell you about one event that happened to me each year.

When I was 1, I was at a private school. When I was 2, I was in California to visit family. When I was 3, I moved to Washington. At the age of 4, I moved to Texas what short time in Washington, right? When I was 5 I went to kindergarten in a school called Las Lomas. When I was 7, I went to Hawaii. Now I am 8. In south Korea right here in camp Humphreys living in a housing on the 8th floor learning at a school called central Humphreys elementary.



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CELEBRATING MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

By Liam A.

Being a military child is hard and comes with hard times. And I left some good friends but it's all a part of life and we all have to move on. My family is the best - even when my v yells at me and does mean stuff to me, I still love her with all my heart. And I have gotten to travel to a lot of places, such as Maryland, Texas, and so many more. And now I am in Korea!

By Kathryn B.

To start, I moved to Korea from Honolulu. I have to admit that it's alright. At first, I was like NERVOUS until... I met my best friend for life. Then a few weeks passed by and one of my besties said they were moving to Germany. Then the day came with my bestie leaving I was sad, but I realized I still have two more besties. Then time flew away fast, faster than I imagined! I feel happier with all my friends around. It is fun but homework is hard. But enough of that - let's talk about food!! I enjoy musubi, pancit, Canton, Popeyes, McDonalds, and ramen.

By Mayumi B.

As a military child it's actually not that bad but you have to move to different countries and different states. You might miss your friends, cousins and even your grandma. I had never heard of Korea before I moved here but I get to experience Korea thanks to my mom.

I don't get to spend that much time with my mom because I don't want to interrupt her work. But it's better to move and meet new friends, and learn new languages, history and stories. It's better to be social with other people. And this is what it feels like to be a military child, and I am proud of it.

By Zion C.

I am a military child. It can be hard at times because my family or my dad gets stationed at a lot of places or we move a lot. I like being a military child because the schools on base are way better because where I used to live back in the states outside the base my school was, let's just say, not as good as this school, HCES. The people here in the base are nicer than outside the base back in the states. It can be hard because when my dad gets deployed. He missed my 9th birthday. It's hard and easy, the hard part is moving, the easy part is making new friends. But at the end of the day I'm proud to be a military child.

By Cole K.

Military kids get a sense of freedom. We get to go and experience a lot of places other kids can't go. Military kids get to live life as a normal kid like going to school. We go to an American school, even in a foreign country, and I like making friends here. So, the conclusion is that being a military kid is great.

By Grace H.

Being a military child is sometimes a hard and a tough time especially when I have to leave my friends and others. Sometimes there are different tough times to go through too. I hated losing my friends but now I'm thankful that I can go to different places and meet new people and friends. I thought that being a military child is always bad but after all nothing is actually that bad. But still, there are hard times. Having a military family that protects me and the country is the proudest thing about being a military child.

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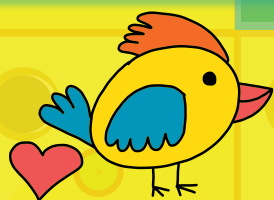
4th Grade • Mr. Taylor

By Izyk C.

Since I'm a military child, some really good places I have gone to are the Philippines, the United States (obviously), South Korea, Tokyo, Germany (because I was born there), and Peru.

Some really hard things and stuff that I am glad I did are jumping from the second floor of a boat into the water, playing Roblox DOORS only 2 months after it released (DOORS released in August 2022, and I started playing it in October 2022), having my own YouTube channel, getting straight A's for most of my time in school, and being at Humphreys Central Elementary School.

For me, I kind of like moving places every 2-3 years, but also, I'm excited that I might have a permanent home in a couple of years. This way, I don't have to keep losing friends but rather keep them. Another thing is that if we find a permanent home, hopefully it is near where a lot of the members in my family live. But overall, with all this, I still prefer living a crazy, military life than a boring, safe life.



By Kenia C.

My experience as a military child has been good. But the best thing about it was meeting a new friend. She was a sweet kid and she ended up becoming my best friend. This is how we met. When I first moved to Texas, I didn't know much English, so I didn't understand people that much. One day, I was walking outside, and I saw her walking her dog the first word I said was, "Uh, like your dog?" She understood!! But she started talking to me A LOT so I couldn't understand everything. Well, she kind of FORCED me to speak English, because if I didn't, I wouldn't be able to understand or speak to her. So, after a while, we did EVERYTHING TOGETHER, sleepovers, we changed as people together, went to Comic Cons together, and more. But a little later, I had to move to South Korea. We still talk and she is still my best friend. Here I made more friends so I'm happy.



By Hadrian C.

Korea is warm in summer so come to Korea and have some fun. I moved to Korea a year ago and I liked it in 3rd grade. I liked my teacher a lot. I liked it and we needed tickets then you could buy stuff like nerf guns. Then after a year, I got to 4th grade and had another teacher like my 3rd grade teacher. And I like the Minecraft projects.

I wish that I could play in the snow every day, but it only happens in winter, so I have to wait for next year. That's why I like to be a military child. I had bad times, too, when my dad was in the military but he would always help me and my mom, too.

By Addison C.

Being a military child presents a unique blend of experiences that can be both enjoyable and challenging. Leaving friends behind can be difficult, but each move has allowed me to encounter wonderful teachers, make new friends, and attend exceptional schools. Currently, I am in the fourth grade, and I am preparing for the transition to middle school.

It's hard and entering middle school can be hard. I often worry about encountering strict teachers or unkind classmates. Nevertheless, I remain hopeful that I will find at least one friend.

Recently, my family experienced relocation to Korea due to my father's monthly assignments there. He has a lot of work to do, which often causes him to miss important occasions, including my birthday, my brother's birthday, and even some holidays such as Halloween and Christmas. That part is challenging, but I enjoy my life as a military child.

By Penelope C.

When it was my first time moving, I was a little scared to move. Some of my friends said I betrayed them, but I had to move. My mom told me that we were going to move to South Korea when I was in first grade during summer break. Then my mom said we were pushing it back to the middle of third grade. We packed all our stuff. and then moved from Florida to Korea. So when my family and I moved, it took us 16 hours to go to Korea. I was sad and a little bit scared but happy to go. It was my second time flying on an airplane. We took two planes to go to Korea. Being a military child means you can make new friends. Being a military child means you have to move to different places, and you can barely see your parents. Then I met my good friends, and we talked at lunch about our little siblings being so sassy and very mean to us. I like living in Korea because I like their noodles and the convenience stores. I like eating pizza. I like going to new places and I love going to Seoul and I like eating watermelon. Some of my friends have left Korea but I still have some and will make more.

By Williams G.

My name is Williams, and I have been a military child for seven years. People often ask me what it's like to grow up in the Army, and I always tell them it is a mix of big adventures and some tough challenges.

One of the best parts of my journey has been living in two very different places. I remember my time in Kentucky with its wide-open spaces and the feeling of home. Now I am living an INCREDIBLE ADVENTURE here in South Korea!!! Not every kid gets to live on the other side of the world, try new food and see how people live in a different culture. These seven years have taught me how to be brave and how to make new friends quickly, no matter where we are. Living here is exciting because everything is so different. I love exploring the big cities with their tall buildings and bright neon lights. I have discovered amazing new foods like ramen, Korean BBQ, and Korean fried chicken. Another GREAT thing is the technology - the internet is super-fast here, and there are many cool places like huge malls and arcade rooms. And I love the cafe places to play with my friends.

But being a military child also means facing tough challenges. The hardest part of these seven years was the big move from Kentucky to Korea. I had to say goodbye to my house, my school and my friends that I grew up with. Starting over in a foreign country can be difficult and sometimes a little sad, but it has also made me much stronger and more resilient. I LOVE the Army.

By Liam G.

Even though I was born here in Korea and not in the U.S.A., my dad served the U.S. military for about 20 years. I was still born after my dad retired but he works for the U.S. military in another way. And because of that I live a life similar to a military child's life. I don't really change my house much, but I do go on vacation. First there was Hawaii, then Thailand, Guam, and Florida. Because my dad works for the military, I get free education here in Humphreys Central Elementary School.

But some things are bad about being a half military child. Sometimes, my dad will have to work longer than his normal 9-hour shift. Also, I get very busy with the on post and off post things I need to get done. Although that and some other problems, being a half military child is quite nice. Also, why I am a half military child is a different story. It is because my mom is Korean but my dad has lots of experience in the military and how it works and he still works for the military in a different way.

By Tean M.

I'm a Military Child. Being one is super fun! Before I moved to Korea, I was in Ohio. I made lots of good friends there. But after four years, it was time to move. I didn't want to leave because I would leave all my friends behind. But when I got to Korea, I quickly made some friends. Even at the airport, I made a friend in the landing check-in line. I love being a Military Child. From as far back as I can remember, I've always been a Military Child. From Georgia to South Korea, to Ohio, and back to Korea. I've had many adventures. I've been to Germany, Thailand, and I'm going to Japan for a visit soon.





By Emelia S.

Being a military child is a great accomplishment. You can move around the globe and see new places. If you move to a new country with its own language, you can learn some of that language while you're there! For example, if you move to Italy, you can learn some Italian words like 'hi' and 'goodbye' (Ciao; Pronounced: Ch-ow). My dad is in the Army. Sometimes he goes on work trips for about a week and I miss him. But I know he'll come back and I always greet him with a big hug.

But being a military child isn't always that great. You're forced to leave your best friends and your favorite teachers. Before I moved to Korea, I wasn't that sure. But eventually, we moved, and now I have a lot of friends at HCES. When I was in Italy, about 6 or 7 years ago, my dad went on long work trips for almost 1, 2, or 3 months. I missed him SOOO much. But he gave me and my older brother a daddy doll that looks like him so I could hug it when I missed him.

By Noah W.

Being a military child has challenges and good things. The challenge of being a military child is moving and if you move, the consequence will be that you have to forget something like friends and move on. The good things about being a military child are you get to meet new people and eat new food. In my experience, I think moving and meeting new people isn't so bad. I'm proud that my family is a part of this base and also serves the U.S.A. so I'm proud to be a military child.



By Keilianys

Being a military child is fun, and you can wear whatever you want. Also, you can wear a shirt that represents the school, like on Fridays wear an HCES eagles shirt. Next, you can have clubs like dance, drama, ukulele, cooking, and student council. Also, you can make friends so fast and you can be Student of the Month and be in the honor roll. Next, you can be nice to parents and kids but most important is to be proud that you are a military child. In conclusion, this is all that you can do being a military student.

By Traynor T.

Being a Military Child comes with its ups and downs but sometimes you just have to accept some things, and it isn't always easy. For me, the U.S. Army makes us move every 2 to 4 years. Because of the Army, my dad has been in Korea for almost 3 years now, and he works away from home. At least my dad said he would retire when I'm in middle school. Korea is my 5th duty station so far.

By Aimer S.

My life as a military child is fun but sometimes it's sad because you are leaving your friends in the states and sometimes you wish you could go back to them. I miss them but when I get to my new school I will make lots of friends. When you get home from school you will tell your parents about your first day at your new school, then you will spend the rest of the day with your parents. Then I wake up in the morning for school - I love school very much.

What I like about being a military child is that I get to wear whatever I want and eat whatever I want. I love how my father works really hard and helps me and my three sisters. Sometimes your siblings can be annoying and rude, but you just have to get along with them and spend time with them - it works for me and it will probably work for others.

Korea is the best place I have been to. It's a nice place to visit and I have the best teacher. He's really nice but sometimes people get in trouble. I love my friends and they are really nice. I hope when you're in the military you get to go to Korea because it's the best place EVER. I hope you like my story about my life as a military child.



By Zoey P.

As a military child, I've had my fair share of my ups and downs. I have never had to move, but when my family first got to Korea my dad got a lot of job offers. When I first got to Korea, I was 2 years old! It was very hard because my dad's job was very far away so I barely got to see him.

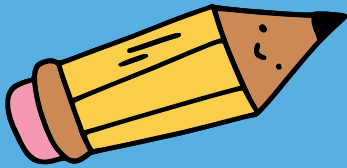
At first, I was unsure if I would like it here in Korea because of all of the changes. For example, none of my family members were here, we had never lived in an apartment before, and I couldn't understand their language.

Nowadays I have adapted to their culture and language, and I have more friends! So now you know my life as a military child from my ups and downs. All around, life is still fun because I'm with my friends that won't leave until the very end and I'm in Korea with these amazing teachers! So altogether you and I can't say being a military child is hard nor is it easy.

By Isabella S.

I am a military child which means my mom or dad works in the military. I like being a military child because then I am able to go to different places and meet new friends too! I like being a military child because then I can go live somewhere new like in my new neighborhood or in my new apartment. Also, I can make new friends at my bus stop. I like being a Military child because I can go to a new school and make awesome new friends. Also, I will have nice new teachers, principal and vice principal. And that is why I like being a military child.

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A life as a Military Child
By: Rowan

I feel protected being a Military child. First the military people protect us. That is one of the reasons why I feel safe. Next, there are a lot of military people and those are the reasons why I feel protected.

The differences of Being a Military Child
By: Julian

There are bad things about being a military child. First, you have to go from place to place and you have to get used to it. I have been to 5 different places. I needed to get used to the different times. These are the bad things about being a military child. I feel good about being a military child. I have learned about Guam fun facts. I was born in Guam. Now I live in Korea there is a lot of stuff to do here that is why I like being a military child. In Korea I've been to Busan, another place to go.

My Parents Support the Military
By: Dominic

I feel good about my parents working to support the military. First, I get to live in Korea. I get to go to Camp Humphreys. Next, I get to go to the Humphreys pool. It is fun. This is why I feel good about my parents supporting the military.

My Trip to Thailand
By: Jade

As a military child I have experienced many different cultures through traveling. First, I tried Thai food in Thailand. It was so spicy. Next, I went to my hotel. It had some elephant's pictures. That was all about another culture.

Food cart

Military Child
By: Kaden

I have lived in South Korea because my dad and I work for the military. First, I like South Korea because I love the food. I love Kimchi. Next, I love South Korea because of the parks. I love the splash pads and pools. I have experienced many different languages and cultures. The places I have been are Texas and I like pizza. Now I have lived in South Korea. I have a harbor which is a traditional Korean holiday clothing. There are many good things about living in military countries.

The places I have been as a military child
By: Olivia

As a military child I have been to California, and I have been to Hawaii. First, in 2017 I was born in California. I lived with my mom, my dad, my grandma, my grandpa, my cousins and my dad's little brother. Next, in 2025 for the summer break I went to Hawaii. We also went to the Capitol city of Hawaii. These are the places I have been or lived.

IN CALIFORNIA IN HAWAII

The Places I have been to as a Military Child
By: Naire

As a military child I have experienced different languages like Korean and I like Korean food. I have been to Washington State in Washington. I have visited my cousin. I have lived in Georgia and visited my grandma and my uncle too. In Georgia and Washington there is good Starbucks. That is the different languages and places I have been to as a military child.

How I Feel Being a Military Child
By: Haniel

I feel good being a military child because one time my dad brought me to his office. But there was no one there. He also showed me a lot of cubes and computers. I even got a chance to see parts of a robot. Another time he brought me to work and introduced me to his coworkers. I was very shy. I feel like a normal kid being a military child.

The Time I Move and the Places I Been
By: Brody

As a military child I've been to North Dakota. First, we drove there from Colorado. I fell asleep but right as we parked at McDonald's, woke up. The drive was 12 hours. I was excited because I had never been to North Dakota. These are just a few places I remember going to. This is how I feel being a military. First, every three years we move to a different place. It's fun. Next, I feel safe, my dad can fight the war. That is how I feel as a military child.

Being a Military Child
By: Ethan

My dad is in the military. I am happy being a military child because I am from Texas. I want to be in the military because you can shoot guns. As a military child I have experienced many different cultures. My favorite foods are sushi and salmon.

Being a Military Child Means
By: Connor

I like to shop at the BX. I wonder what it is like at my dad's job? He is in the army. I like to play with my friends. I like to do math, so I can get a job at Nise. This is what it is like as a military child. Oh I have to talk about the place you have lived or visited. A house my cousins house my other cousins house. Texas and Louisiana. Visit Jeju and go to Guam.

happy frog

The reason why I like being a military child
By: Zoey

I feel good that I'm a military child. First, I'm moving to America soon. It's because of my dad's job. Next, I'm in Korea now. It's really cool here. I'm glad I'm a military child. I have experienced many Korean cultures. On Solal day, a Korean holiday, we wear harbok. Next, I've experienced American cultures such as Easter. I have lived in 2 places because I'm a military child! First, I lived in Maryland in America. I loved my house so much because I bug's trespasses. Next, I'm in Korea now. I like Korea because there's so many traditions to follow! I love being a military child!

Big Bang Air Force

What is it like to be a military child?
By: Jaime

Good. I want to be a fighter jet with my dad, and I went with him. So, there are pictures of my dad. My dad was working on the tank engine, but not the tank. I did get a chance to get in the tank. That was my dad's job. When my dad worked many times, I stayed with my dad at work. That is what it is like for me being a military child.

Tank

Fighter Jet

Life of a Military Child
By: Finnegan

I have been to a lot of places because I am a military child. First, I have lived in Arkansas also I was born there. Next, I have lived in Korea, but I am still here. Where I was root of my life. I love being a military child. I feel happy about being a military child. I get to go to a lot of places all over the world. Next, I get to go to the BX and Commissary any time I want. I get to go to those all the time. That is why I feel happy about being a military child.

About Me Being a Military Child
By: Joyella

I feel happy about being a military child. You can go to a lot of places. You can go to Korea, Hawaii, and even Japan to visit. Also, you can do lots of things. This is why I like being a military child. First, I can travel to a lot of places, like Texas, South Korea, Hawaii, and Japan. I can try a lot of different food, I can try American food, Korean food, and Japanese food. This is why being a military child is good. I have experienced many different languages and cultures. I experienced Korea. On Seonol, a holiday that Korean's wear traditional clothes called harbok. This is all I experienced.

Bye!

What is it like being a military child?
By: Michale S

Tell me about being a military child. Being a military child is so fun. There is an amazing park next to my house in Korea. I go there almost every day. There are cub scouts, I'm in the wolf den. That is what it is like to be a military child.

I have been to London to visit with my grandmas. London has a gigantic castle. That is where the mighty king and queen lived. I've been to Hawaii on vacation. Hawaii has fresh coconuts. I was born in Mexico. Now I live in Korea. In the end I just like being a military child because I get to explore different cultures, food and the languages.

My life about being a military child
None (Kalen)

I feel proud and sad about being a military child. This is why I feel proud about being a military child. It is hard to be a military child, but I did it. This is why I feel sad about being a military child. I always have to move and go to places where I don't have friends. This is why I feel proud and sad about being a military child.

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Being a Military Child
Henry

I feel happy about being a military child. First, I can move a lot. I can experience cultures. Next, I can eat special food. I can eat food that other people can't eat. This is why I like being a military child.

Places I Have Lived
Leo

I have lived in many places because I am a military child. First I have lived in Japan. It was fun. Next I have lived in the US because Mom and Dad work hard at work. I went to the youth center. Then, I went to Korea to see more things. I love the aquarium. Those are the places I have lived because I am a military child.

What does it mean to be a military child?
By: Matthew

I was born as a military child. I felt just like my father because my dad was born as a military child too. I want to Universal in Japan.

The Things I Do as a Military Child
By: Gwyn Thomas

Do you like being a military child? You and I do and here are the reasons why. Yes, I love being a military child because I get to go to a lot of places, like California. Also, I love making new friends. My mom used to be in the military too. No, I don't like being a military child because I have to leave my friends and some of your cool stuff like my stuffed animals and toys.

The Best Part About Being a Military Child
By: Camden

There are a lot of things that make being a military child great. First, you can travel a lot. I have traveled to Thailand, Utah, and Arizona. So you can see a lot of things. Next when you travel so you can try new foods. I have tried different types of chicken, burgers, kimchi, and seafood. Now you know why I like being a military child.

Being a Military Child
Prince

There many good things about being a military child. First I can make new friends and go to new places. You can play with your friends. I have gone to Thailand and Korea. My friends are from many different places. I am from the Philippines, and my friends are from Korea. That is why it is good to be a military child.

As a Military Child
By: Samara

As a military child it is a little hard because my mom is Korean and my dad is an American. That means I have two grandpas and two grandmas but my dad's parents live far away from us. My mom's parents can come visit more often. We do not live far away, so we can come visit Seoul to see them.

Different Countries
By: Sara

I have experienced many different languages and cultures. First, I was born in Virginia in America and the language was English. Next, I went to Korea, the language was Korean, and I went to Japan and the language was Japanese. I like Korean culture, and on Korea's special days, they wear hanbok. I like Korea the most. These are some cultures I have experienced.

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The Places I have been to
By: Kameron

I like being a military child. Because I get to go to new places, and I can make new friends. Before I was in Korea I was in New York I was in Hawaii. My favorite food is McDonald's and I can get it in all of these places I have been to.

Places I've Been as a Military Child
Myriam

As a military child, I have gone to many different countries. I was born in Texas and lived there for a little bit. I then moved to South Korea, because my dad was stationed there. I tried new foods like bibimbab and dumplings. I liked eating it. I went to Vietnam on a trip and went to the beach. I've gone to all of these places, because I am a military child.

How do I feel about being a military child?
By: Macy

I will write about: being a military kid. Being a military kid is fun and I love it. To be a military kid can be sad because my parents must leave home and go to different places to work. Military kids are awesome. This is why I like being a military kid.

Being a Military Child
Name: Emilia

This is how I feel about being a military child. Sometimes your mom or dad can win big awards and they could be really special. One time my mom won big awards. My mom won it at a ceremony. There was a guy named Buddy, and he told me to stand up it felt weird because everybody applauded me. That was the weirdest thing that happened to me so far as being a military child.

Being a Military Child
Name: Noah

When I moved to being a military child, I got to experience new things. I got to go to different places like Spain, Mexico, and Canada. I got to experience different cultures. I have lived in California, Spain, Mexico, and Canada. I also lived in South Korea. I have lived in all of these places for a long time. I have lived in Spain, Mexico, and Canada. I have lived in all of these places for a long time. I have lived in Spain, Mexico, and Canada. I have lived in all of these places for a long time.

My Story as a Military Child
Name: Stephanie

I feel okay and proud about being a military child. First, I love being a military child because I get to meet new people. I have seen people from all over the world. I can learn new languages like Spanish, Korean, and more. I have had fun schools or fun. They are fun elementary and middle school elementary school. Next, I see my mom and dad. In Korea, I eat my kimchi, dumplings, and more good food. Now you know why I like being a military child.

How do you feel about being a military child?
Emilia

How do you feel about being a military child? I will write about being a military child. First, I'm sad because I do not get to see my dad a lot. Next, my happy because I get to go everywhere that is why I like and do not like being a military child.

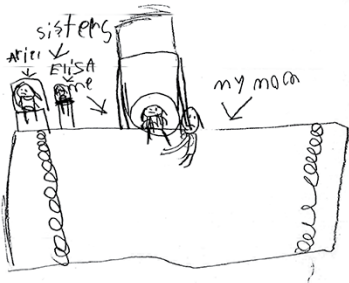
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How do you feel about being a military child?
By Abigail

First I feel glad for my mom because my mom worked hard for our family to be here. If she didn't get the job we would not be in South Korea right now. We would be in the United States of America right now. So I'm glad to be a military child. Next, I also had to go to a hotel because of my mom's job. We had to go to Dragon Hill Lodge. It was fun and the food was good and the shopping was the best. The snacks were good too. My mom, sisters, and I went to the pool. There was a new water slide, it had a deep side. I wanted to go on it. My mom let me go. When we were done we went to the sauna. Then we went to the room and I fell asleep. The next day we left Dragon Hill Lodge and got doughnuts.



Being a Military Child
Damian



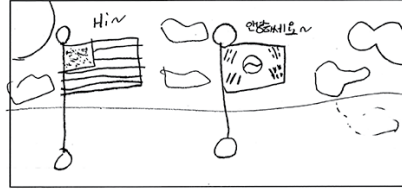
I have experienced many different languages and cultures. First, I have learned a lot of languages like Korean, Spanish, English, and Laos. I have learned all of these languages because I have experienced their cultures. Next, I know their cultures because I know their clothes and food. I love toboekki. I wear hanbok in Korea because that is their traditional clothing. These are some cultures I have experienced.

Why I feel safe as a military child
Lucas



As a military child, I feel safe. First, I don't have to worry about anything bad. I feel safer living on base. For example, on base you have to scan your ID to come on base. Next, at my apartment you have to type in a code. Everyone has a different code. This is why I feel safe as a military child.

As a Military Child
Angela



As a military child, I have experienced many different cultures and languages. First, I know English. I was born in Georgia and learned the language there. I also speak Korean at home with my family. Next, I am Korean! So, I tried many things. I have tried Korean foods, like bulgogi, kimchi, bibimbap. These are some of the things that I have experienced as a military child.

A Military Child
JD



There are many good things about being a Military Child. First, I can visit many places. For example, I visited Texas. Next, I can get a lot of photos. My mom takes a lot of photos of me when we visit new places. Last, my parents make a lot of money. They make 40 dollars per hour. These are all my reasons why being a military child is good.

My Life as Military Child

Name: Penelope
I feel alright because I move, come, leave my friends, and make new ones. And the military gives my dad lots of money. Sometimes it's hard to make new friends, but I think that's fine. I get those challenges out of my way and I live a great life.
I have been to Minut, North Dakota in the US. While I was there, there was a storm that came with small-mellow clouds, and the power went out. I have also been to England. I have been there for six years. I was also born there. My mom taught me some Korean in England, and I tried some new food. I don't remember what they were called but I know they were really good. The worst thing about being a military child is when I have to move. It is also very hard to make new friends when I have to make new friends when I go to a new school.



My Life as a Military Child

Name: Zoey
This is how I feel about a military child. First, when I go to a new school I feel happy. Next, when I get home I see that my home looks different. I used to live in Louisiana where my cousins live. We had a lot of fun in Louisiana. While we were there, an earthquake happened. We were scared but we were fine. Then it stop, 'yay' we said.

How do you feel about being a military child? Leia O'S

What I like and do not like about being a military child. First, I like being a military child because you can move and see the world. Next, the best thing about being a military child is that my mom and daddy are both military. Then, but the worst thing about moving is that you have to say goodbye to your friends. Last, this is why I like and do not like about being military child.



My Life as a Military Child

Name: Avinia
This is how I feel about being a military child. I feel brave because I move and make new friends. And I feel sad because I have to move.
One day I was going to visit in the US. I remember seeing the beach. And I experienced seeing whales that were so cool and went to this telescope.

What's it like being a military child?
By: Asher

All I know is my dad is in the military. And I also know I meet a lot of people, and I go to a lot of different places like 3 different schools, and 10 different malls, stores, and shops. I also go to different countries: California, Korea, and Hawaii, and some cities like New York City. Also some islands I've been to like Jeju Island.



Being a Military Child
By: Kayden

My dad is in the military. I like being a military child because my dad loves to be in the military. I wish I could be in the military when I get bigger. I will some day. I did want to protect my family. That is how I am a military child. What Do You Think About the Military? I want to protect my family because my dad is in the military.



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How do you feel about being a military child? Blake

I feel excited being a military child and here are the reasons. First I get to see my dad. Next I get to work with my dad. Then I get to see the base. Last I get to see an A-10 and if I am lucky I could see a B-17.

My Life as a Military Child

Name: Gethrie
I feel good about being a military child. It feels really good to be a military child because I get to go everywhere I want to go. I was born in Washington D.C. Then we moved to Idaho and then to Korea. I have been to Minnesota to visit my grand parents. I want to visit New York. I feel good about being in Korea. I like my friends. I find some awesome robots. I also like Kimchi. It is really fun to be a military child.

Evelyn

How do you feel about being a military child? I like being a military child because you get to go in the base. There is so many fun things in the base. Next, my dad can wear uniforms. They are green. Last, my dad can get many awards. This is why I like being a military

Kennedy as the military child

By Kennedy

I feel good being a military child. First I can travel. I went to Jeju. I went to work with my dad. I colored at his desk. I feel good being a military child. As a military child I have eaten different food like India, American food like chicken nuggets, spaghetti, fries and lasagne. Fries are my favorite.



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Different languages and cultures
Echo

I have experienced many different languages and cultures. First, I experienced Hawaiian cultures and languages. They wear lei. Next, I experienced Japan cultures and languages, in Japan they eat sushi. That is what I experienced.

G14 Autumn

How do you feel about being a military child?
I feel strong about being a military child. For example, my dad keep me safe. As a military child, I have experienced many different culture and my family goes on vacation.

G13 Brooklyn

How do you feel about being a military child?
Today, I am going to write about how to be a military child. First, if your mom or dad works in the military, you are a military child. Next, your parents fight the bad guys. You can study how to be a military child and stay careful of the bad guys. Lastly, you can learn how to be careful of bad guys and can study whenever you want to. This is what I wrote today.

G10 Leonardo

How do you feel about being a military child?
I feel good about being a military child. First, I feel lucky. I'm lucky because I can buy clothes and have a lot of money.

Me as a military child

Name: Zuri

I want to tell you about the different cultures and different languages that I have learned. First, the different languages I have learned are, Italian, and a little bit of Korean. Next, the different countries I have been to is America, Hawaii, Japan, and Korea. Then, the different cultures I have been to is the beach, and the zoo. And that is what kind of cultures and lang usages I have learned.

G9 William

How do you feel about being a military child?
I feel glad to be a military child. First, I am proud of my dad. I am proud of my dad because he does his work. Second, I have lived in different countries. I have lived in Germany and Korea. Lastly, we see the classroom. I see different teachers and different kids. I like being a military child.

This is how I feel to be a military child

Name: Ethan G

This is how I feel to be a military child. First I feel sad because I made friends, but we need to move because we could not stay longer. This makes me sad sometimes. Now I like Korea because I can eat Korean food but when I move I can not eat Korean food. That makes me sad. That is how I feel to be a military child.

G4 Xaiden

Where have you lived or visited because you have been a military child?
I have lived in Colorado because I have been a military child. My family had so much fun there and we went to the clean beach. At the beach, we built a sandcastle and we went swimming. We had a stand to eat our food and then we went home.

G5 Bailey

How do you feel about being a military child?
First, my dad is in the military, so I feel lucky about being a military child. Next, I think I can be the best. Last, as a military child we all know that it is very hard.

G1 Cabryn

Where have you lived because you have been a military child? What has been the best and worst thing?
First, the place I've been to is the Philippines, and I stayed there for three years. I only liked it a little bit because I kept on getting bitten by bugs. I also lived in Spain.
First, I am happy because I can see my parents, and I can speak new languages. Next, sad cause I might miss my grandma and grandpa.

G11 Echo

How do you feel about being a military child?
I have experienced many different languages and cultures. First, I experienced Hawaiian culture and language. They wear lei. Next, I experienced Japan culture and language. In Japan, they eat sushi. That is what I experienced.

G2 Flynn

How do you feel about being a military child?
There are many good things about being a military child. First, you can make a lot of money. Next, you can go to many places and take pictures. I have experienced to eat Korean food like kimbap and kimchi. I also learned some Korean words in Korean Culture class at school.

G6 Suraya

How do you feel about being a military child?
I love being a military child because I get to learn about the military, so I can be smart. I love being a military child because I get to go to different places and make new friends like this girl named Tiana.



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G3 Anthony

How do you feel about being a military child?
I feel good about being a military child and it's fun. It's cool to have the best step dad. He was away for a long time, so it took my mom, my sister, and I two years to hug my stepdad again.

G15 Drey

How do you feel about being a military child?
I feel good about being a military child. First, my family and I does not have to pay for the electricity. Next, the people whom my family know are nice to us. Lastly, I like being a military child.

How i feel about being military child

Name : Jayden Yi

I experience leaving my friends, but I get to make new friends, too. I lived in Kansas, USA. I lived there for two years. After that, we moved to South Korea. My family enjoy going shopping on weekends or on Fridays. My mom loves claw machine, but I think it's useless because we have thousands of plushies.



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KOREA KIDS' CORNER

9 top museums in Korea worth a full day

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Living in Korea gives families access to museums they might never see otherwise, but deciding which ones are truly worth a full day is another question. This list focuses on the ones that offer the strongest value while living here: museums that help children and parents understand Korea more deeply, collections found nowhere else and destinations that are hard to experience unless you happen to live close enough to make the trip. Most are free. These are the museums worth making time for.

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War Memorial of Korea

It is one of the most powerful places in Korea to understand the Korean War. This is not just a military museum, but as its name says, it is also a memorial honoring those who fought for the country's freedom. Within minutes of entering, visitors are surrounded by monuments to the 22 nations that fought under the United Nations flag, including 16 that sent combat troops, along with the flags of the ROK military units that served in the war. Then come the memorial walls engraved with the names of those who died in the Korean War. The museum makes clear that the Korean War was not merely a regional conflict, but a war that drew in countries from around the world. The War Memorial also covers the full military history of Korea from ancient kingdoms to today's ROK Armed Forces through large-scale military equipment and immersive displays.

TIPS: It also has a Children's Museum where younger visitors can explore history through interactive exhibits. Reservations are required and can be made online in Korean or in person on the day of your visit depending on availability.



NAVER MAP

LOCATION: 29 Itaewon-ro, Yongsan-gu, Seoul / near Line 4 & 6, Samgakji Station, Exit 11

HOURS: 9:30 a.m.–6 p.m. (Closed Mondays. If Monday is a holiday, closed Tuesday instead)

ADMISSION: Free

PARKING: Free for the first 30 min, then 4,000 won for 2 hours / 1,500 won per additional 30 min



CHILDREN'S MUSEUM



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Seodaemun Prison History Hall

Most history museums ask you to read, but Seodaemun Prison invites visitors to feel. Built in 1908, it became one of the most notorious prisons during Japanese colonial rule (1910–1945), where independence activists were imprisoned, tortured and, in many cases, never returned home. Today, it is preserved as a museum. Walking through the prison grounds, visitors step into the actual spaces including narrow cells, interrogation chambers and execution sites, which reveal the brutality of the methods used there. But that discomfort is part of what makes the museum meaningful. It shows that Korea's modern identity was not built on rapid development alone, but on the sacrifices of those who refused to give up their freedom.

For families with younger children, you may not want them to visit every exhibit, but for older kids and teens, it can be one of the most important and memorable places for understanding Korea beyond what they see today.

LOCATION: 251 Tongil-ro, Seodaemun-gu, Seoul / Line 3, Dongnimmun Station, Exit 5

HOURS: 9:30 a.m.–6 p.m. (Closed Mondays, Jan. 1, Seollal Day and Chuseok Day)

ADMISSION: Adults 3,000 won / Teens 1,500 won / Children 1,000 won / Free for children 6 and under and adults 65 and older



NAVER MAP

National Museum of Korea

The National Museum of Korea is the country's largest and most prestigious museum and one of the best places to start if you want a broad picture of Korea. The permanent collection covers 5,000 years of history from prehistoric stone tools to a Goryeo Buddhist sculpture and Joseon-era artifacts. Many of the pieces are officially designated National Treasures. Despite its scale, the museum does not feel overwhelming as the galleries are spacious, well organized and easy to follow. One of the best stops is the Room of Quiet Contemplation where two Pensive Bodhisattva statues from the late 6th and early 7th centuries are displayed in a dark, quiet room. Before you leave, the museum shops are also worth browsing for well-designed gifts based on the collection.

TIPS: The Children's Museum is especially strong with hands-on spaces where kids can explore replicas of historical artifacts. Advance online booking is required.

LOCATION: 137 Seobinggo-ro, Yongsan-gu, Seoul / Line 4 & Gyeongui-Jungang Line, Ichon Station, Exit 2

HOURS: 9:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. (Mon./Tue./Thu./Fri./Sun.) / 9:30 a.m.–9 p.m. (Wed./Sat.) / Outdoor area: 7 a.m.–10 p.m. / Closed: Jan. 1, Seollal Day and Chuseok Day

ADMISSION: Free

PARKING: 900 won for the first 30 min, then 300 won per additional 10 min



NAVER MAP



CHILDREN'S MUSEUM



Photos courtesy of National Folk Museum of Korea

National Folk Museum of Korea

Gyeongbokgung Palace is one of the most visited sites in Korea, but many visitors walk past the museum inside the grounds. The National Folk Museum of Korea focuses not on royal culture, but on the lives of ordinary Koreans outside the palace walls. The exhibits trace how people lived, marked the seasons and moved through major passages of life across the centuries.

The outdoor displays are the museum's strongest section: stone pagodas, jangseung (traditional wooden guardian poles), waterwheels and a recreated 1970s–80s Seoul neighborhood where visitors can walk through a school, bathhouse, tailor shop and a free costume booth. For many families, this becomes the part of the visit that stands out most. The museum has its own entrance, so you can still enter whether you have a ticket for the palace or not.

TIPS: The Children's Museum is great for younger children, especially those under seven. Foreign visitors can register on-site, but spots are limited for each session, so it is best to sign up as soon as you arrive. It also pairs well with the National Palace Museum of Korea inside the Gyeongbokgung complex, so one stop can cover both the royal court and the lives of ordinary Koreans.

LOCATION: 37 Samcheong-ro, Jongno-gu, Seoul / Line 3, Gyeongbokgung Station, Exit 5 or Anguk Station, Exit 1

HOURS: March–Oct.: 9 a.m.–6 p.m. (Thu.–Tue.) & 9 a.m.–8 p.m. (Wed.); Nov.–Feb.: 9 a.m.–5 p.m. / Closed Jan. 1, Seollal Day, Chuseok Day and temporary closure dates announced by the museum.

ADMISSION: Free



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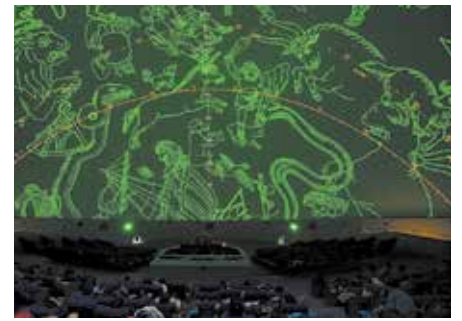


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Gyeongju National Museum

Gyeongju was the capital of the Silla Kingdom for nearly a thousand years (57 BC to 935 AD) and royal tombs, stone pagodas and ruins are still scattered across the city today. Most visitors spend the day moving between these outdoor sites without fully understanding what they are seeing. This is where the pieces connect. Gyeongju National Museum houses the objects recovered from those tombs and ruins including Silla gold crowns and other artifacts from the kingdom once known as the land of gold. The permanent Silla History Gallery covers the full arc of Silla history in chronological sections. The museum also works well as part of a full day with Daereungwon Ancient Tombs, Cheomseongdae Observatory and the Banwolseong area.

LOCATION: 186 Iljeong-ro, Gyeongju-si, Gyeongsangbuk-do
HOURS: 10 a.m.–6 p.m. daily / Saturdays (March–Oct.): 10 a.m.–8 p.m. / Closed Jan. 1, Seollal Day and Chuseok Day
ADMISSION: Free



Photos courtesy of Gwacheon National Science Museum

Gwacheon National Science Museum

Gwacheon National Science Museum is the premier science museum in Korea. It covers natural history, space, basic science and future technology across a large campus with both indoor and outdoor areas, and most families need a full day to cover everything. The Natural History Hall draws kids straight to large dinosaur skeletons and the outdoor Dinosaur Park features life-size models across open space. The Insectarium in a glass greenhouse lets visitors observe live butterflies and insects up close. The Basic Science Hall features hands-on stations and a tornado simulator where children can test concepts like light, sound and force. The museum also includes a hall on Korean scientific heritage, featuring inventions by 15th-century engineer Jang Yeong-sil, including early forms of a water clock and rain gauge. The Planetarium runs dome screen shows but tickets are limited, so it's recommended to book online or purchase tickets immediately upon arrival if you're interested.

TIPS: Seoul Grand Park Zoo and Seoul Land are right next door, so families who want more can easily extend the day.

LOCATION: 110 Sanghabeol-ro, Gwacheon-si, Gyeonggi-do / Line 4, Daegongwon (Seoul Grand Park) Station, Exit 6
HOURS: 9:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m., (Closed Mondays, Jan. 1, Seollal Day and Chuseok Day)
ADMISSION: Adults 4,000 won / Teens & children 2,000 won / Free for children under 7 and adults 65 and older



Photos courtesy of Geoje POW Camp Historic Park

Geoje POW Camp Historic Park

Most Korean War museums focus on battles. Geoje POW Camp focuses on what happened after capture. This site was one of the largest U.N. run prisoner-of-war camps in the world at that time, holding up to 173,000 North Korean and Chinese prisoners at its peak. What made it historically significant was not only its scale, but also the ideological conflict inside the camp where pro-communist and anti-communist prisoners fought each other, and the repatriation debate that became one of the critical issues delaying the armistice. This site also helps explain how the Korean War tested the 1949 Geneva Convention on the treatment of prisoners of war. In 1952, prisoners seized U.S. Brig. Gen. Francis Dodd, an incident that became one of the most politically damaging events for the U.N. Command.

The exhibits here are not as polished as others on this list. But the value here is understanding a harder part of the war at the site where it happened.

TIPS: This stop works well as part of a Busan or Gyeongnam trip. Two hours is usually enough.

LOCATION: 61 Gyeryong-ro, Geoje-si, Gyeongsangnam-do
HOURS: 9 a.m.–6 p.m. (Closed Tuesdays, Seollal Day and Chuseok Day)
ADMISSION: Adults 7,000 won / Teens 5,000 won / Children 3,000 won



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National Museum of Korean Contemporary History

Unlike most history museums in Korea, this one specifically covers the history of the Republic of Korea, the country that exists today. Although the ROK was formally established in 1948, the exhibitions start in the late 19th century and the Japanese occupation era. The constitutional roots of the Republic of Korea trace back to the Provisional Government established in 1919 after the March 1st Movement, a nationwide protest against Japanese rule. That is where this government begins. The permanent halls cover colonization, liberation, national division, the Korean War and the rapid economic growth after the war.

The building is also part of that story: it was once home to the Economic Planning Board, the agency that oversaw South Korea's economic transformation from the 1960s through the early 1990s. This was the period when the country rose from one of the poorest countries to an industrial power, often referred to as the Miracle on the Han River.

TIPS: The rooftop terrace faces Gyeongbokgung Palace and Gwanghwamun Square, so many visitors stop here to see the Joseon Dynasty and the republic in one view. It also pairs naturally with Gyeongbokgung Palace and the National Folk Museum in the same day.

LOCATION: 198 Sejong-daero, Jongno-gu, Seoul / Line 5, Gwanghwamun Station, Exit 2
HOURS: 10 a.m.–6 p.m. (Mon./Tue./Thu./Fri./Sun.) / 10 a.m.–9 p.m. (Wed./Sat.) / Closed Jan. 1, Seollal Day and Chuseok Day
ADMISSION: Free



Photos courtesy of National Maritime Museum of Korea

National Maritime Museum of Korea

Korea is a peninsula surrounded by three different seas, and that geography shaped everything from how Koreans traded to how they understood the world beyond their borders. The National Maritime Museum of Korea in Busan is the country's only national comprehensive maritime museum. The exhibitions cover Korea's long relationship with the sea through maritime history, ocean life, science and navigation across multiple floors. The Maritime Hall introduces how the sea shaped Korean life across centuries. The third-floor aquarium houses about 1,000 marine creatures of 70 species, and the Navigation Hall on the fourth floor traces the history of ships, navigation tools and Korea's naval presence across centuries.

TIPS: The Children's Museum offers hands-on programs and requires on-site reservation at the Children's Museum Information Desk on the 2nd floor. This stop works best for families interested in the ocean or as part of a Busan trip. It pairs well with Taejongdae, Huiunyeoul Culture Village and Jagalchi Fish Market for a full coastal day.



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LOCATION: 45 Haeyang-ro 301beon-gil, Yeongdo-gu, Busan
HOURS: 9 a.m.–6 p.m. (Tue.–Fri.) / 9 a.m.–7 p.m. (Sat.–Sun.) / Closed Mondays.
ADMISSION: Free





Korea Tip of the Day

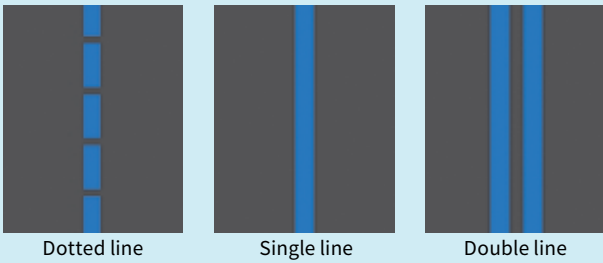
Bus-only lane rules

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In Korea, you should avoid using bus-only lanes during designated times since CCTV cameras and traffic police are actively monitoring. These lanes are marked with blue lines and labeled with “버스전용 (Bus Only)” in Korean. Violating these regulations can lead to fines and penalty points, so understanding the rules and following them is key to staying out of trouble. Here is all you need to know about bus-only lane rules in Korea.

Note: These are general guidelines.

Bus-lane can vary by city and road segment, so always follow signs and road markings.



Types of bus-only lanes (blue color)

- **DOTTED LINE:** Allows general vehicles to enter temporarily such as for right turns or entering side streets.
- **SINGLE LINE:** Time restriction, applicable from 7 a.m. – 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. only on weekdays
- **DOUBLE LINE:** All-day restriction, applicable from 7 a.m. – 9 p.m. only on weekdays

Highway lane rules

- 1st lane – Fast lane
- 2nd lane – Regular cars, small and medium-sized vans
- 3rd lane – Large vans, 1.5-ton trucks
- 4th lane – Trucks over 1.5 tons, special vehicles

NOTE: On highways with bus-only lanes, the 1st lane becomes a bus-only lane, the 2nd lane is the fast lane, 3rd lane is for regular cars and 4th lane is for large vehicles.



Highway lane rule



Highway lane rule-with bus only lane



Median lanes



Side lanes

Bus only lanes on city roads

Only large buses or vehicles with 36 or more seats can use these lanes.

- **MEDIAN LANES:** Located on the central line, these lanes operate 24/7 and general vehicles are strictly prohibited from entering. Also, next to the median lanes, there may be an additional blue dotted line or single line.
- **SIDE LANES:** Located at the edge of roads near sidewalks, they operate on time restrictions (blue single line) or all-day restrictions (blue double line).

Bus-only lanes on highways

Located on some sections of Gyeongbu Expressway, the 1st lane marked in blue is designated as a bus-only lane.

- **TIME:** 7 a.m. – 9 p.m. (Every day except Seollal and Chuseok) / 7 a.m. – 1 a.m. (During Seollal and Chuseok)
- **ELIGIBLE VEHICLES:** Buses and 9+ seat passenger vehicles are allowed. For 9-seat cars (and vans up to 12 seats), at least 6 people must be onboard.

Penalties for violating the rules

- **FINES (WHEN CAUGHT BY CCTV)**
 - Regular roads: Car 50,000 won / Van 60,000 won
 - Highways: Car 90,000 won / Van 100,000 won
- **FINES (WHEN CAUGHT BY POLICE)**
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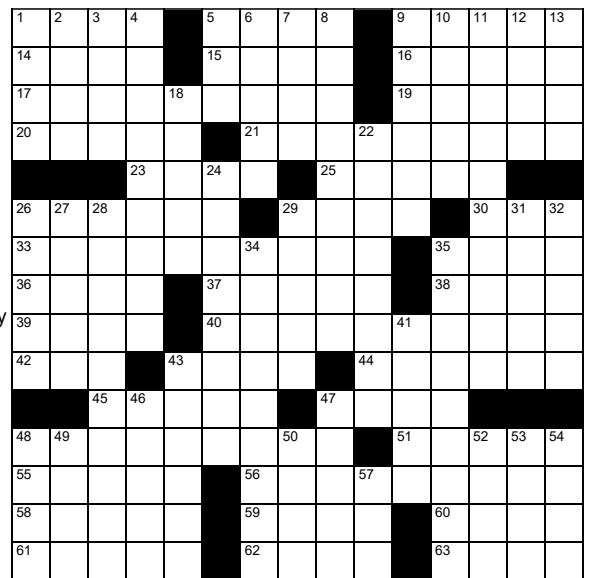
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Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Turning point?
- 5 Unruly crowds
- 9 ___ in the right direction: 2 wds.
- 14 Part of the Corn Belt
- 15 On ___ (without a contract)
- 16 Mecca native
- 17 Burt of 1960's "Elmer Gantry"
- 19 Clean completely
- 20 Items on to-do lists
- 21 Seismic source
- 23 Caviar fish
- 25 Outspoken
- 26 Lucky charm
- 29 Out of shape?
- 30 Where Switz. is
- 33 Penalty
- 35 Beheaded Boleyn
- 36 Begged
- 37 Peter, pumpkin-wise
- 38 Portion out
- 39 Cleanse
- 40 Etcher's fluid
- 42 OH to MA direction
- 43 Kind of curve
- 44 Thanksgiving fare
- 45 Regarding birth
- 47 Depend (on)
- 48 Sponsorship
- 51 Works, as a field
- 55 Buyer's proposal
- 56 Wistful for the past
- 58 Smelled awful
- 59 Icicle former
- 60 Hogwarts librarian Pince
- 61 Puts a stop to
- 62 Fax button
- 63 Equinox mo.



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- 2 Weather tracking org.
- 3 Admits, with "up"
- 4 Fall off the wagon, perhaps
- 5 Publisher's pile: Abbr.
- 6 Chose
- 7 Microwave sound
- 8 Copyist of old
- 9 ___ ratio (TV spec)
- 10 Spa feature
- 11 High-collar top
- 12 Result of honing
- 13 Fishing spot
- 18 Contents of some urns
- 22 Penitent
- 24 Plato was one
- 26 Eden fruit
- 27 Disney's Chinese warrior
- 28 Humdrum
- 29 Midler of music
- 31 Loosen a knot

- 32 Oboe-sounding
- 34 Views from isles, often
- 35 Lilylike flower
- 41 Mea ___
- 43 Baby birds?
- 46 "___ we all?"
- 47 Varnish ingredient
- 48 Luxurious
- 49 Shaving lotion brand
- 50 1990s VP
- 52 Grimm villain
- 53 Spineless sort
- 54 "Beat it!"
- 57 Covered in Cottonelle, say

Answers to Previous Crossword:

A	R	C	S		S	C	U	D		I	R	O	N
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DID YOU KNOW?

Korean names usually consist of three syllables: a one-syllable family name followed by a two-syllable given name. Three major surnames, Kim (21%), Lee (14%), and Park (8%), are shared by almost half of all Koreans. However, having the same last name doesn't mean everyone is related. Korean family names are divided into family clans tied to a specific ancestral region. For example, Kim from Gimhae and Kim from Gyeongju belong to different lineages. Family names are passed down paternally and Korean women don't change their last names after marriage.



Hangul of the week

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HOW TO SOLVE:

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

Answer to Previous Sudoku:

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