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## CELEBRATING MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

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The year was 2019, the day that my parents called me and my sister to their room, and there... there was them picking out a new place to live, and there again was the beginning of the night of that horrid night, that horrid night...

When my parents called me there, I knew

something was wrong. They told me that we would be moving again, but did I tell you also that I was really happy that we were moving back to South Korea from El Paso TX, but then I began to erupt, but it was serious, like really serious. After that, though it got worse they told me I had to quarantine and

then I got angry which meant me sitting on the couch depressed. (sorry for the click-bait title) And that's a little bit about moving when you're a military child.

- Katelyn McCullough, 4th grade  
 Humphreys Central Elementary School

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- Kaylah, 3rd grade, Humphreys Central Elementary School

### I'M PROUD OF MY DAD

I don't remember much but I know that my Dad was in the military.

I remember when I was little my Dad showed me his military outfit. He told me a little bit of his story about being in the military, but I don't really remember much of what he said. I know my Dad told me that when he was in the military, he got hurt. He is fine now but the part where he got hurt, which I think it was his back, sometimes hurts. I love my Dad very much and yes; he is not in the military anymore. Before

I moved to Korea, I lived in Georgia. Most of my family lived there too but some lived in Atlanta, not too far from Georgia. We travel a lot when we can. I've been to Jeju Island, Washington D.C., Saint Louis and some other places. I have 3 siblings. An older brother age 14, an older sister age 12 and a little sister age 6.

And me Lillyne, age 10. I have three dogs Hodo, Steven, and Luna.

I remember when I was little at school,

we made something for the people who were in the military. I made something to thank my Dad for being in the military. When we were wondering where to move, we were going to go to Germany, but Korea had an opening before Germany did. So, we ended up moving to Korea. That is basically how my life has been while being a military kid.

- Lillyne Weber, 4th grade  
 Humphreys Central Elementary School

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**M**y name is Leonard Acoba and I am the son of an Army Officer. I feel that there are a lot of positive experiences for me to share as a military child. I am proud of my Dad for his service to our country. I am also proud to have a Grandfather and great Grandfather who have also served in the United States Army. I am very proud of my family for their military service. As a Military Child, I have to move all across the United States and overseas with my Dad. Everytime we move to a new place, we always meet new people and make a lot of friends. I still remember the many friends I made in Colorado, Hawaii, and Maryland. I also remember all the fun things I did in those places with my family. I remember going to the beach in Hawaii and visiting Washington D.C. while in Maryland. I am with my Dad now in Korea. Just like before, I have already made new friends here. When COVID is finished, I hope to travel around Korea with my family just like other places. As a Military I am grateful to see new places and proud of my family.

- L.J. Acoba

**H**ere are some pros about being a military child:

1. I get to move to a lot of different places and see the world.
2. I get to meet different people from all over the world.
3. It's cool to see so many different cultures from different places

Here are some cons:

1. I have to move all the time and leave my friends and the place that I have spent 3-5 years at.
2. The places that I have to leave are typically really cool and I don't want to leave.

Here's where I've lived:

1. Illinois
2. Germany
3. Falls Church, Virginia
4. South Korea (Now)

Sometimes it's difficult being a military child because I have to move a lot and leave friends but I always make new friends so it's alright.

4th grade Mrs. Baird

- Carys Barnes

**H**i, I'm a military child and I kinda like being one but kinda hate it. Why might you think? You probably like it but it's cool to move a lot but I have to leave my friends or they leave me. But I do get to try new things and do new stuff like eat or get cool toys. So almost all is good but I also have to pack so many things. I only get 3 years usually, sadly. It's annoying because I have to unpack and pack so much. And I have to worry about my Dad being injured. I have to worry about whether he will show up if he is deployed. And if he will come home on time or will I ever see him again so I constantly worry.

- Luke Patterson

**I**t's pretty cool being a military kid, there's ups and downs. My dad is in the Military. He gets home pretty late because he's working hard all day for us. My dad is Colonel in the Air Force, he's a legend. He's awesome because he was in a war and he WON. I was too young to remember. It's awesome to know that he and his unit won an entire war. He's awesome because he's in the Air Force and works and gets money and plays with us and spends time with us. He's so awesome he is the

best. He works so hard it's insane. He is strong too. Honestly what can't he do? Working that hard is tiring but he still does it. He's amazing. He's a hard worker and determined to be nice. He is and nothing could change that. He's helped people countless times and thinks nothing about it. He's the best Dad ever in my book, plus it's a fact. I don't know how he does it. He's just such a good friend because he has a lot of friends. I call them work friends because they are friends and work together. It's pretty cool being with him. I also HATE how he gets home so late because I can't talk to him because I have to go to bed. It's pretty disappointing but it's okay because he did it for us.

- Josh Bartoli

**B**eing a military kid is cool, because we travel to different places, my dad is Sgt First Class in the military. First my family moved to Alaska for my Dad's job in the military. Then we moved to Killeen when I was 3 years old. Then my dad met Sam, he was in the military. Then we went to San Antonio when I was 5 years old. Then I met my uncles, cousins, my grandmas, my grandpas, and my brother's younger brother and sister. Then we stayed in San Antonio until I was 9 years old. Then we moved to Korea. Then I turned 10 years old in Korea. I still live here in Korea.

- Landan Joshua Roman

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4th grade Mrs. Baird

**M**y name is Lillian and my dad is in the Navy. I like being a military child because I get to travel around the world and experience different cultures and learn new things about the world most people don't. I also don't like being a military child because I have to leave my friends behind at the places we used to live. To explain this to you, I will tell you what happened with my friend in Virginia where I used to live. The last time I ever saw my best friend Molly she knew that we were leaving and she didn't want us to move and she threw a big fit and her mom had to drag her into her car so they could leave. That hasn't happened like that anywhere else though. That is one reason why I don't like moving a bunch.

But now I'm in Korea and I have a lot of friends at school, on my volleyball team, in my apartment complex, and in my cub scout den. I am also learning new things about Korea and Asia. I am also learning some Hangul and am experiencing what a public school is like because I have only been to Catholic schools before. This is the seventh place I have ever lived and I am only 10. I have a twin sister and two younger brothers.

In my opinion, being a military child is good sometimes and other times it's not, like when I have to leave all my friends and just go make new ones, But then I also like being a military child because I get to experience different cultures and people and also food. So overall, I like being a military child.

- Lillian Battcock

**H**i my name is Vivian Brockmeier, daughter of Lt. Col Jeremy Brockmeier and retired Lt. Col Karen Brockmeier. It's hard being a military child, you just make friends and then five minutes later you're on the other side of the world! You move all the time and it can get frustrating when your parents promise that you'll move back. But it's still super cool to move all over the country and even the world! My brothers have been moving their whole lives, leaving friends, and losing them along the way. All in all, there are pros and cons to being a military child, but I still love it.

An advantage to being a military child is an ID, even if you're not in the military when you grow up, you still get the military discount!

- Vivian Brockmeier

**M**y name is Alice Kate Erdmann. I'm technically not a military child, but my mom is a DoDEA teacher and she works for the government. I feel lucky that my mom is a teacher at my school because if I don't have a snack that day, I'll just walk to her classroom. If I need to ask her about clubs or something she'll be two doors away. If I need water in the morning, I just walk in and grab it and go. If I have a problem on the bus or at school, I can just tell her. So I am pretty lucky but my mom doesn't have a lot of time for me and my siblings. My mom is really nice though. She reads a book to us every night so that's a high, but there are a bunch of lows against it. But she does this stuff for food and money so I'm grateful.

- AliceKate Erdmann

**H**i, my name is Aaron and I'm about to tell you about my horrible life as a government child. You're probably thinking, why is your life horrible? Well, only the military kids get 'good birthdays' and 'good holidays', while us GOVERNMENT KIDS GET NOTHING GOOD. All we get is no friends, no good birthdays, NO VACATION DAYS, ONLY SUMMER VACATION AND WINTER BREAK, and no good holidays :( The only thing good is that we can live off base FREELY but on base it is all about limited space, and my dog can pee everywhere in my yard. I'm happy for

my doggy :).

- Aaron Hahn

**O**ne thing about being a military child is that I can help my mom and the military if they need tools. Other things are that I can sit down and relax in the back of the military. I like being a military child.

When you are a child in the military you can help the military. You can do fun stuff! You can do it, I believe in you! Come on, you are the best military child. You can do this, I can do this! So I like being a military child. I like military life, it's fun!

- Darius Holder

**I**'m a military child. I go where the military tells us to go. We travel and live in different places. As a military child I have to go months without my Dad. He has to leave at times for deployments or training sometimes to places that are dangerous or at war, like Afghanistan. I'm happy though that he is somewhat safe when he's out there. He doesn't need to be frontline and fight. He repairs broken down helicopters and makes sure they are in perfect condition for their missions.

Being a military child means that when we move to a new place, we have to leave some friends. I do like to stay positive and know I have an opportunity to make new ones when we are in a new place.

Being a military child because my Dad is in the Army, we get to live in a nice house for free and I'm very grateful. We also have a lot of opportunities to travel to different states and countries. These are just some unique experiences of being a military child.

- Jayce Jordan

**B**eing a military child is hard, moving all the time to different countries, pretty much everything. What I really don't like is that we make friends and then we leave. I miss everybody that I made as friends and now we are in a different country, though I got over it. In this essay, I will explain more about being a military child. Well, what are we waiting for? Let's get started.

Every time my Dad gets a higher rank, I feel more and more proud of him, well in general I just do. Though after leaving Italy, I had to get used to American schools, again. I was born in Germany, then went to Texas, then Italy (my favorite country), and now South Korea. I've only been in Germany for 2 months so I can't speak German. Life is incredibly annoying, especially because my dad is almost always at work. Life is hard, like my dad says, "Life is unfair".

Well, now I hope you know what it's like to be a military child, fun, annoying and crazy. I hope you liked this essay and learned new things, well, bye!

- Tristan Macy

**O**nce my Dad was in the Army. Then he retired. But I still move around though. My Dad now works for the Army. Now I'm about to write an essay about The Month of The Military Child. My Dad works at Camp Humphreys. But now let me tell you how I move around. My life started in South Korea in Seoul and my dad was in Yongsan, Yongsan is an American base that is in Korea. After my brother was born, my family moved to the U.S in Washington State. We were in Pasco then we moved to West Richland. After that, We moved to South Korea in Seoul in Yongsan again. Next, we moved

to Camp Humphreys, the largest Army Base of the U.S! The house is in Noble House 3 and I forgot to mention that my school is Seoul American Elementary school in Seoul. Now back to the topic, I was in Noble House 3 and the school was Humphreys West Elementary School (HWES). I also forgot that I was in K-Early and 1st grade in Seoul, now back to the topic, in HWES, I was middle 1st grade-early 2nd grade. In HWES, I moved to Canaan Village and that's where Aaron lives. Soon I was forced to go to Humphreys Central Elementary School from middle 2nd grade-now. Here I am now, and it's the end of this, hope you enjoyed it, Bye!

- John Mathis

**H**ello, today I am going to tell you what it's like to be a contractor's kid. It is pretty easy because my Dad comes home at around 4:30-5:00. He gets to have weekends off and he also gets to have summer break. The bad thing is that he only gets 3 weeks of summer break. It is easy for me to see him. I get to see him almost all day long.

Sometimes it's not good because he needs to go somewhere and comes home at 5:30-6:00. He has to stay there for sooo long on those days. Once he went to the place where the Olympics were held and his helicopter did not work anymore. So he came home at 6:00-6:30. I think that I am lucky to have a Dad that is a contractor in the USA Government.

- Susannah Marie Nally

**M**y name is Jessy Yaremy Barrientos and my dad is Jesse Barrientos. He works as a Contractor in the Military. A fun fact about living as a Contractor kid is, it's super fun! I get to see broken planes, new planes, and Helicopters. When President Trump came to my city, El Paso TX, his helicopter was stored at the hangar where my Dad was working. I got to look at it but not touch it or go inside it, but it was fun! The guards who were on guard at the time even gave me a model plane of Air Force One. That's what they call the President's plane. I have been living in El Paso for about 9 years now. I had to leave my really close friends and it was hard, but now I have new friends! Like Vivian Brockmeier and Ellie Tipton. I am super happy I got the privilege to come to a whole different country. My Dad and I can't wait to be able to travel around so we can explore Korea a lot more super exciting. Well friends, I hope you enjoyed reading my essay. Love ya, JYB.

- Jessy Barrientos

**B**eing a military child is hard and difficult because you have to move a lot and say goodbye to many close friends and memories. When I was in Germany, I lived there for three years and then I moved to California. But my mom was stationed in South Korea so I couldn't see my mom in person for two years. Until I was moving to Kentucky Fort Knox so I had to say goodbye to a few close friends. Then I moved to Kentucky, I made a lot of new friends. I lived at Kentucky Fort Knox for four years then I had to move to South Korea Camp Humphreys. I was really sad when I had to say goodbye to all my friends. Which was hard because

we all were super close and I was going to miss them very much. Then I had to move to South Korea Camp Humphreys. I have made a lot of great friends here in South Korea Camp Humphreys. There are a lot of great classmates too and there are a lot of friendly people here including my teacher. Here in South Korea Camp Humphreys, it is very fun because there are a lot of playgrounds so you can play and have fun. Being a military child is not easy but it is very fun traveling around the world. Getting to see lots of new places and making new friends. My favorite part of being a military child is traveling and being with my family. That is my most favorite part of being a military child because there is nothing better than traveling and being with your family all over the world.

- Abby Peralta

**T**o be a military kid, it's fun and I get to explore the world. I want to go to Florida but there are crocodiles and it could easily bite my toe off and that's just weird. Never mind that, I mean my Dad goes to a big metal place. I think it's a war house so if someone gets hurt then there are Doctors and helicopters. I think my Dad works too long on Fridays because every Friday he comes home at like 11:32pm. When it's Saturday, he sleeps until like 1:00 pm. I don't mind as long as I get to play with my friend once a day. It's like I get to make new friends all over the world and have fun. Me and my older sister will take his hat. I love my family and that my Dad is military. If he was not in the military then I would not be here right now. Writing this is fun and my friends are fun too. Definitely not least, my teacher Mrs. Baird is fun and nice. Being a military kid is nice and you sometimes have to take out the dogs. I get bored but I climb trees to have fun. Moving is NOT FUN. I MEAN YOU HAVE TO PACK EVERYTHING INTO A MOVING TRUCK. THEN TO JUST GET IT 2 OR 3 MONTHS LATER. Well when you get all your stuff, the anger goes bye bye. This assignment was fun. That's what it feels like to be a military kid for me.

- Prestin Thomson

**M**e and my family live a military life. My Dad is in the Air Force so that means we always have to move. We are always going on airplanes and I have to say goodbye to my friends. One time, I remember that we spent 4 years in England and I thought that we were going to stay there forever. But after the four years we left. We had to go to the airport and I admit it was pretty stressful. We arrived at the airport in Holloman but after we were there for a while my dad deployed for a year. It made me really sad. We still have upsides like when I get to talk to my dad on the phone. Also, my new friends at school were there to comfort me. After a year in Holloman we moved again. This time it was to move to Korea. That's where I am now and I have many friends. Korea is really nice. We get to spend one more year until I have to move again but until then I get to hang out with friends. Sometimes military life is hard but just know there are people and friends that can make you feel happy that you would've never met if you weren't a military child. Sometimes I feel sad but living a military child life is really great!

- Ellie Tipton

**S**o, I wake up in the morning and get ready for school but my Dad is already at work. Sometimes he is sleeping in but mostly at work already. So

I go to school but when I get to school I remember that my Dad is in a bunker for 2 weeks. That may be a lot of weeks for the people reading this but it really isn't for me because my Dad goes to a lot of places because he's stationed for a few weeks. So it's normal for me for him to go to places. I don't see him a whole lot but sometimes when he is home we go to a lot of places like malls and theme parks but not all days.

When I was coming here, it didn't really affect leaving the place I lived because I usually move a lot. I don't really have time to get normal with where I live but I don't really care a lot because then I get friends. Friends are the real reason that makes me like the place but since I'm a military child I have to let go at one point.

- Lucas D. Torres

One thing about being a military child is that your Mom or your Dad works for the military. They have to work for a very long time mostly till night, so sad. Second thing about being a military child is that your Mom is the only one who can drop you off at school. Your dad, you barely get to see in a day and sometimes whoever goes to the military you can barely see them. It's like it's not even there but lucky for me my Dad gets home at 4:30. Then I have him for the day but sometimes he has a night shift. This is so sad because jobs just ask for so much don't they?

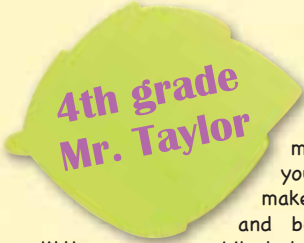
Do you know what else being a military child is about? Living in tiny houses. They all look the same and it's so annoying not knowing what house is yours. They're so small. I just can't get over the way that it's so small. Well that's all you should know about being a military child. If you guys are a military child as well, I think you might agree with me being a military child. Do you wanna know what else life is like being a military child? You get to school early, you can even walk or ride a bike to school and you won't miss a thing.

- Nyah Marie Toyloy

My life as a Military child is not fun because I'm always moving and leaving my friends. But it is cool because we go to new places like Hawaii and Colorado. And we also meet new people like my friends. Being a military kid is cool because you meet new people and go to new places. It might not be fun but we always appreciate what we have and love our life.

My dad is in the Army. There is also the Navy, Airforce, Coast Guard, and Marines. My Dad just got out of the quarantine barracks because he went to Texas for work. I've been to Korea, Kansas and Hawaii. A military child might think they are strong and courageous. But they are stronger together than alone. I have an older sister who is twelve years old. I am ten years old and she is two years older than me. Being a military child is not that fun but that is my life as a military child.

- Greyson Williams



Being a military child is kind of hard. You can move a lot and you will have to make new friends and be shy for a little while but, wherever you move to, you can go to a lot of different places. Like I went to Germany back in Europe. I was born there. I moved to Alabama to play with my cousins. Then I moved to Hawaii and I went to Pearl Harbor and Waikiki Beach. It was beautiful every time it was sunny. I went to North Carolina and it was amazing spending time there and I visited Washington D.C. a lot. Finally, I moved to South Korea during Christmas 2020 and we went to a temple and we went sledding. We are going to Busan for spring break.

- Avant P.

My life as a military child is okay. But what is bad about it is that you can't have many friends because you travel so much. You can't even keep up! You only live there for a few years then move somewhere else in the world. You only go to military schools. I have been going to military schools for almost my whole life!

If you go to school, it's on a military base. But to me I'm fine with it. My home is not that far from my school but still pretty far, so some people live on the military base. I love the traveling part about being a military child! I like traveling because I can discover new places and countries. For example, I have been to Texas, Korea, and Germany and so many more places. So, in my opinion, being a military child is okay. So that is all about my life about being a military child!

- Tristan R.

I live the life of a military child, where we have to move a lot. We get to go places, and also we get to go to Do-DEA schools. It is fun because I get to visit places all over the world and make new friends wherever I go. Sometimes moving is hard but I am proud to be a military child.

- Nevaeh B.

My Life as a military child is hard sometimes because I have to leave my friends behind when I move to a new place. However, life as a military child is also really fun because I get to try new food, learn about culture, and about history like in South Korea. What is good about Korea is their culture is really cool. They celebrate everything different than the USA and there are lots of places to visit like Everland or the Seoul Zoo and you can try new foods like bone soup, kimchi, rice curry, soba, boba, beef bulgogi and soup, spicy fried chicken or hotteok and bungeo-ppang. And I love being a military child because I get to explore and meet new people and make new friends. And learn about new cultures and about the history and lots of other fun stuff.

- Kaiah H.

I was born into a military family, in Korea overseas. I have been to Korea two times. I was in Fort Lee for 6 years, so that is more than half of my life! I was born in the last year of my PCS. This is my 2nd time in Korea. I built good relationships here and in the states. Sometimes the Army stinks because you have to move but that only makes the relationships stronger and you get to make more friends. We just "keep rolling along".

- Ethan W.

Being a military child is fun because you get to go to new places. Places I have been include South Korea, Virginia, and I think I have been to Savannah. My favorite place I moved to was Virginia. Virginia is my favorite place I moved to because it is very fun there. It has a big arcade named Swaders and there are lots of pretty birds there and I am near Alabama, which is where my grandma lives.

- Lillian E.

Life as a military child is hard because you have to move away like every two or three years and you have to ride a plane. That takes about five hours to get to the place you want to go to, and you can go to Japan or Kansas or even Arkansas. I went to Japan and it was a pretty good place and if you can go there, it will be fun. I went to Japan and there were tons of great food like sushi and fish because Japan is a seaside country. This is the life of a military child. We travel around the world. It is a good life.

- Jasmine M.

I think being a military child is fun and at the same time not fun because I think moving away is hard. I think it is hard to move away because I make a lot of friends but then we have to go to the next place so that is hard. Sometimes I think about not making friends because I am just going to move away and that isn't fun. But then I do make friends and that is fun. My friends understand me in all ways because they trust me. That is why I make friends because they understand why I have to move away. I know being in the military is hard for my dad that is why I try not to be bad. Sometimes I ask too many questions. My sister has so much homework so my mom is always helping her so then I have to wait for her to be done. Being a military child is good because I go to new places like Germany, El Paso, and Korea. All of those places are fun. I hope someday I will see my friends again. I think all of my friends are in the military like me. My best friend is in Florida and that is why I want to move to Florida to see her again.

- Kayleigh H.

Being a military child is not good when you have to move around. I like being a military child, I just don't like moving all the time. I like being in one place. Not forever, but for at least three years.

- Diego L.

Life as a military child was probably more of a gift to me than anything. It made me feel safe. Actual American schools made me scared about Korean schools because of my pre-kindergarten teacher. It made me grateful for South Korea. I love being a military child.

There are so many good parts of being a military child. We get almost no bills. I will never miss actual American schools because our base schools are so much better than schools in America from personal experience. The schools as a military child are free. Great healthcare, too!

- Tristan C.

I am Heloise and I am going to tell you about what life as a military child is like for me. I love being a military child because I can learn a lot more facts about other countries. I love moving and traveling. I like meeting new friends.

The things I do not like about being a military child are that it takes a lot of time for all our belongings to arrive where we relocate and that I have to leave some good friends behind. However, I know that I am going to see them online.

- Heloise C.

My life being a military child is super normal, almost the same as not being a military child. When I am a military child I get to go to the military school and if I go to American school even though I am Korean it will make me learn Korea and English at the same time so I like it. Learning more than 2-3 languages will help for my future. The time I go to college I will get extra credit. I don't really know about the Korean schools but I am getting Korean lessons so I think I know a little bit. If I am a military child, I get a special card when I am 12 years old. The card name is an ID card and when you try to visit inside the military you need the ID card and when you are going anywhere on base you need an ID card. It is so cool to be a military child.

- Mihyang K.

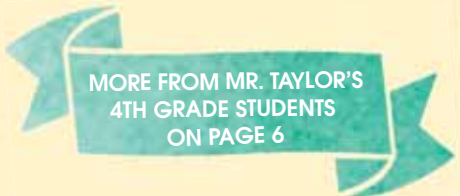
I am not much of a military child. I was in an international school in China for five years, but I was not born there. My dad and mom are not in the Army, but my dad works at the high school, so I get to go to this school, one of the perks of being a military child. Another perk is that there is a base where I live at Camp Humphreys.

- Misha R.

The Army sends you to somewhere. They move you to different places like Alabama and the Army sends you to Florida. The Army gives us safety rules. They try their best to keep us safe. You always meet someone new when you move to a new country or state and it is always sad to say goodbye to the people you have made friends with.

- Carlos G.

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CELEBRATING MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

# Humphreys Central Elementary School

4th grade Mr. Taylor

I was once living a normal life two years ago before I had the opportunity to become a part of the military children. My parents are not soldiers but my mom got a job in Korea and I was so excited to see a new place and start a fresh life in Korea. Most people think that it's really exciting living on a military base and getting to move overseas, and I agree with those people. It has really inspired me and many other people with the language and beautiful culture this country has to offer. I realized that I'm so lucky to be a military child that not all people get this opportunity that I got to learn a whole different culture. My family and I have been blessed with this opportunity to see sights in Korea, visit old temples, and many more. Being a military child is not a normal thing. You get to live in a safe environment. I love being a military child and I hope it can stay that way for a long time for me to enjoy what the military has to give in this beautiful community.

- Habiba H.

Being a military kid is hard because you have to move around a lot and you have to leave friends and family. The good thing is that you can see the world and discover new things. Sometimes you can see family and famous memorials of the military and learn more about the military. You can learn more about their culture. I am in Korea and it is okay, but it is hard to understand the Koreans and that is what makes Korea hard and frustrating. One thing that is fun in Korea is that there are a lot of kids here, so I am entertained on the weekend.

- Eli M.

In my life as a military child my whole life I have moved around the world. Since I was born. At first it was hard to move and leave my friends. I got used to it after a while and I like it because it got to be fun because I get to travel the world and see cool places. It is very fun. Some places I went to include Kansas, Louisiana, and Fort Polk. Some people in my class even though I did not know them at first, they seemed familiar to me, like I had seen them before. I thought I knew them. This is my life as a military child.

- Hannah D.

Being a military child is hard but I'm thankful for everyone I have met. In the military, I get to meet lots of new people and learn their culture and I get to try new things like Korean New Year, or the food here in Korea, like sushi and their dumplings. My family is about to move back to the states and I'm going to miss it here, but I will always remember Korea. Also, my dad has to move to a different place, but no matter how far he is he always visits us and loves us. Thanks to the military, my dad can come to me and my family whenever he wants to. This is what military children have to sacrifice and most of the time military children go through.

- Ayaan K.

I think that it is important for military families to practice NEO, so we are prepared. NEO is a word that means noncombatant evacuation operations. There are exercises to make sure that all of our stuff that we have in a backpack is good. A NEO warden will inspect our stuff. And if we are missing something, he or she will tell us. I have a dog, so my mom has to have special papers. Last year I went to the NEO exercises and they were doing helicopter rides. My mom and I took one on a Chinook. Because if there was a real reason for NEO. We would get on buses and be taken to the airfield where we would get on Chinooks and Blackhawk and go to where we would get on planes to America. But every year there are five families that will do the whole NEO process. Only three military bases do NEO because they are in danger like us here in Korea because of North Korea. I think that NEO is important because it prepares us.

- Duke W.

Life as a military child is hard because you have to move around to places. However, at the same time, I wouldn't get to meet all my friends from Germany because I got to go to Paris and America. That's the reason I like going to new places. And I and my family get to meet new people.

- Mervée B.

First my dad, who is in the military now, worked in a brewery and made beer. Now he works in the military and surprised us at a Panthers game after deployment. We were in Raleigh Durham and we moved in a year and we moved to Fayetteville, North Carolina. My dad got deployed 4 times, then we moved to South Korea. It was hard getting all of our stuff here because of COVID 19 and we got delayed 5 times, but we made it.

- Rowan R.

My experience of being a military kid was nice but sometimes rough. One of the nice things about being a military kid is that I know I'm safe but I was always moving and not being able to see my friends. But some of my friends move where I'm at. Because of the moving and that we couldn't see our friends, my dad retired. We got to stay in Korea and then my old friends Zane and Ethan moved to Korea so I got to see them again until they moved. Some of the things we did was play video games for fun and sometimes make videos. We also played games like tag and hide and seek or hide and go tag. I was very glad to see them because at the time I hadn't seen them since I was five. My dad still technically works in the military. He flies and teaches how to fly the planes. And I've been here for five years making new friends and sometimes seeing old friends again. In conclusion, being a military kid is nice and you won't believe what's happened to me as a military kid.

- Landon H.

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CELEBRATING MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

# Humphreys Central Elementary School

2nd grade Ms. Penn

I don't wanna be a military child. I miss my cousins, and I'm going back home because when I am in 3rd grade I'm going back home and one cousin's name is Kravon. I have more cousins and I miss my friends.

- Jai' Ya Brown

Hi everybody I will tell you what it is like to be a military child. The first thing is the uniforms. I do not like them because one day we were in the commissary with my dad and then there was a person wearing the same uniform, I follow him in stead of my dad. And then I realized he was not my dad. So I walked around and then I found my dad. so that is one thing you have to deal with if you are a military child

- Mason

Have you ever wanted to be a military child? I have, also I am a military child! the first reason I like being a military child is because you can admit you are a military child. The second reason I like being a military child is how you can go to different places like temples, different nice places and statues.

- Jackson

What's it like to be a military child? I would miss my dad because he only comes back at midnight which is a time I don't get to play with him. My dad has to wake up so early and I feel bad for him. He is a colonel which is a busy job like like to other ones. I like it because I can make new friends, get to eat new food, and get to go to new places.

- Olivia

Do you know what it is like to be a military child? I do because I am one. It's really hard to get through when your mom or dad go to deployment. My dad went to Iraq for a year. I have moved at least three times. It was hard but I got new friends every time I moved. Before I got to Korea, I was at Louisiana. I had lots of really good friends there. I can still chat with them on the internet though.

- Carolina

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CELEBRATING MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

# Humphreys Central Elementary School

2nd grade Ms. Penn



I think it is cool to be a military child because I can travel farther distances than most U.S. children can. But, I have to move every two or three years, and when I move I have to make new friends. If I move to England, or Germany, or someplace like that I can learn new cultures and try new foods. On spring break in 2021 Korea I went to island with a beach. The beach had a hike on it. To get there we went on a boat. The boat was called the ferry boat.

- Lina

Do you know what being a military child is like? I do and I have reasons for it. The reasons are that being a military child is fun, but it is hard because my dad is staying in the field for 12 days. But it is fun because I get to go to different countries and learn new cultures.

- Raul

Military children are happy. They get to live in different countries. Military children get to eat different food. They move around a lot. Military children go to DODEA.

- Daniel

Being a military child I get to go to new schools and new friends. Another reason I think being a military kid is cool is because you get to do trips on long cool trips. Another reason why is because you can do other things other kids can't do. And a bad reason why is because you have to change new schools, get new friends, and lose all my other friends.

- Jaelyn

I am a military child because I like trying new food and I like to learn new cultures.

I deal with dad going to deployment.

And then it is hard making new friends. A cool thing is traveling on long trips to go to JCU Island.

Peyton Reitano

- Peyton

What's it like to be a military child? You will find out.

First, I went to Jindo Island. It was four hours long. My friend Sabastian came with me. When we got there we unpacked.

After we unpacked we went to the game room called Legend Heros. Then we went to the pool.

We swam and had a lot of fun and we ate at the buffet. Then we said goodnight and went to sleep.

We got to travel fun places when we are military kids.

- Brayden

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Military children are smart. They get to live in different places. They get to play outside with other military kids. I can make new friends and start new schools. They can try new foods and new cultures.

- Marie

Do you want to be a military kid? Well, I am.

The first thing is you get to see new things like temples and new statues.

The second thing is you get to stay in nice hotels, and you get bighouses.

The third thing is you get new schools. You make new friends. I know you are sad, but everything is ok.

This is all the thing that I have to say for a military kid.

- Joselyn

I don't like being a military child because my dad has to go deployment and I have to be away from my dad for a long time.

I'm sad when my dad is gone so, I don't get to see him and it's sad that I don't get to see him.

I only get to see my dad on phone calls when he's on deployment and that's sad that I only get to see him on phone calls.

- Noah

Have you ever wanted to be a military child I have, and I am one.

The first reason is that it's fun being a military child. But, my dad is usually gone at work, not so fun. On the weekend, my dad is at home.

Another reason is being a military child is kinda hard because we have to move all over the world, and when one of my friends move or I move, we have to make new friends.

The third reason is when I lived in England I had to leave all of my friends when I moved. Now I live somewhere else. Now I have lots of friends.

The last reason is when I go to school at the end of the day I go to sports. I do art right now. Next is music. Next is Host Nation. I get to learn a new language. Last is P.E.

- Ainsley

Hi, I am a military child and I do stuff that kids can't do.

Do you want to know?

First, military children are dealing with a mom or dad going to deployment.

Next, I have to move and start new schools and make new friends so I won't be lonely.

Third, I get to temples, hikes, and exploration. (See next page)

Last, I get to go malls and buy some clothes and food. So you won't be hungry.

These are all the reasons why military children are cool.

So have you done one of these? If you did, tell me.

- Serena





CELEBRATING MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

# Humphreys Central Elementary School

2nd grade Mrs. Burton



**I am a Military Child**

I like being in the military community because I moved to 6 different places. Even though I don't get to see my friends or family very often I still like being a military child because I move. I like being in the military but that's also why I like being in the military. I like being in the military because I can go anywhere and I can see my dad. And that's why I like being in the military.

I SERVE TOO!

- Kamryn

I am a military child. This is my 3 time being here in Korea. My name is Mikaela. My Dad is in the Air Force. He helps people that have covid. When I was born, my dad was not here. I am strong and I am brave. I will grow up to be a military child.

- Mikaela

I am a military child. Emma

I am 7 years old.

I am smart.

I am kind.

I am a girl.

I am strong (strong)

I am a military child.

- Emma

CELEBRATING MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

# Humphreys Central Elementary School

3rd grade Mrs. Sauer



My dad has been here ever since Dad has become a drill sergeant. Sometimes he would not come home until mid night or he come at morning. But he is keeping from hard night at work. Dad is not a drill sergeant any more but some time I don't see him in a week. I get great friends but then we have to go to somewhere and I never get to see them again. I still get to eat new foods but I wish I had all of my all time best friends with me. I still get to meet new friends. I remember all of my friends, Gabriel, Deacon, Devon and Aiyah.

- Jacob

Um... my life is go school and next do math and play and next do math and read books and play Roblox and go to King peace or watch youtube. One day I go to hotel there was swimming pool so I swim with my new toy and next day we need to go back to our home but it was fun! But one day ago my grandpa dead so dad is sad.

- Aaron

I am Lucas Li. I am a military child. I feel great to be one. My school is in base where U.S. army, airforce and navy works at. I also like my school because I can make friends and work. My parent is in the army. But sometimes he is late. What sad is that sometimes I have to go to base to base. Lucky for me I am a military child.

- Lucas

I'm Matthew Hobbs. I'm a student at HCES. Also, my Mom is the school nurse here. My dad is a LTC in the US Army.

Being a Military Brat can be good and bad. For example, you can get to know a friend and then about two years later either they move or you move away. But, on the bright side, you can meet more friends or see old friends from a long time ago. Also, you are very safe on a military base. There are many more ups and downs about being a Military Brat, but these are a few examples.

- Matthew

Being military child is sad and awesome. You can't really see your parents but you get to ball about the world but you have to take on challenges, like leaving friends and family but awesome stuff like trying new food and seeing new things. Some of the places I've been is north Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Indiana.

- Analeigh

MY LIFE AS A MILITARY CHILD  
My Life as a military child is hard to deal with what do you think? I think yes sometimes it is hard. But you have to work with it. When you do it's pretty fun and I've been through it my whole life. If you don't believe me ask my parents they'll tell you. Sometimes it's hard to leave your friends I've dealt with it many times. I hate it also. But I can't go to my Dad's work and say he's not going to leave. I'd be in so much trouble. I'm fine moving. But it does not mean I have to like it. That's all!

- Kenneth

I am a military child. I have a Dad that is in the military. me and my Dad have a female the name is Kay. It is hard for my dad to work because he has to get me and my sister up in the morning and he also has to get himself ready for work. It is hard for me to get to the bus on time and be ready for school and helping me mom. I also help my sister. It is a lot of hard work for our family.

- Jordyn





CELEBRATING MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

# Humphreys Central Elementary School

3rd grade Mrs. Sauer

You get to make new friends see new places and stuff. A boy thing is you can't experience a life of a normal kid.

- Caden

I am a Military child. I have a Dad that's in the military and my Dad have fun at the Military and I get to meet friends. But I always like to play with my Dad and my Mom and I love my parents and my life. I like to go with my Dad allways because I love my Dad cause he is the best.

- Audrey

I am a military child! I moved to Korea 8 months ago. I got to try new things and stuff in Korea. And I went to a place called busan it had a beach and an aquarium called aqua world. Also there was big hotels there but on the last day there I went to the beach when I was done playing I got sad because I didn't want to leave yet but I left.

When I got home I was happy because I got a lego set at the PX I opened it and I hit it then I started to watch tv but I got tired and went to sleep. The next day I played fortnite on my nintendo when I wake up. Then I ate breakfast and watched tv.

- Elijah

I like being a military child because you can go to different countries like California and Maryland and North Korea and all that and you can get let in every and lots of lots and lots of toys but the best thing is making friends. I have been to Florida and went to Legoland and Disneyland and I had a party on Halloween night. I went to Santa Cruz and then on Christmas I stay all night at the Santa Cruz and I saw his foot and he had his hair seen on my foot.

- Giovanni

I live in Korea the first 5 years of my life. In Korea almost all my family was there then my grandma move to California a bit later. Some of family live in Arizona they have pups. When I move to Korea I want to keep my dog and I want to see my dog every day. When I get home my sis is crazy and he has a pup and his name is Rusty he is cute my grandma live with are cat name Duke.

- Oliver

3rd grade Ms. Camus

Hi my name is Kaiden I'm a military kid I'm part of the military community my dad is part of the military my mom stays home cause my dad doesn't like being alone. My dog's name is Duke my dad named him Duke from secret life of Pets. I was gonna name him Brook. I had a good life until my mom's uncle died I was sad.

- Kaiden

Being a military child is not fun because you have to move all the time and you miss your friends. So I will rather stay at one place then moving or I would want my friends to move to the same place as me. But there are some good things like getting more friends but where ever I go I will always remember my friends.

- Dylan

my dog fixes cars in the military he sits at his desk most of the time he is 5'10" and he moved 2 states and I had a friend that he move.

- Eric

Hello, my name is Norianys. And let me tell you about being a military child. Being a military child is very difficult, all the moving in, moving out, and especially being a new kid. But eventually it gets better. You start making friends and you get used to living there. You get great opportunities and you feel welcomed into that world. It always is my favorite part about moving to another country or state. Soon, if you move one day, you will get all those feelings. The sad, the scared & the nervous feelings. And one of those days you will meet that special one. That person, that girl or boy that will be your friend. This community is a great, passionate, and connected community. When I move, I will have all my feelings all over again. I miss this community & remember

- Norianys

Hi my name is Isabella, dad let me tell you about life as a military child. Being a military child has it's good and bad sides. Well, do you want to hear the good side first? Yes? Okay then, the good side is that when your dad - mom goes to work in the military they get a big paycheck! - Oh you want to hear the bad side now? Okay! the bad side

- Isabella

Hi my name is Maggie and let me tell you about life as a military child. I have moved to 3 different places it is difficult moving to different places because I miss my friends. I am moving in about 3 and a half months and I will miss my friends Kayla and Grayson. It is fun to get to see places like Korea and Washington D.C. I get to see the White House and temples in Korea. I also get to travel to fun places like Hawaii and Tokyo. Now you know how I feel about being a military child.

- Maggie



Let me tell you about  
wuefu I go. I like to go to  
diffrnt ples. I make lot  
of frins.

- London

Being a part of a military community  
is...  
Hi my name is ~~Kody~~ and let me  
tell you about life as a military child.  
Being a military child is  
Being in a military community is...

- Kody

Hi my name is Jenna  
and I am not a  
military child it  
is cool being a military  
connected child but the  
sad thing is when  
you move you  
have to say good  
bye to lots of  
friends but you  
go to new places  
and make new  
friends.

- Jenna

Let me tell you about  
How Do you move  
I want to Be a  
Military Kids. No Body  
is not Bad to  
in school.  
I Born in Heildbrg  
in Germany. Next  
I'm on going to  
U.S.A. Heildbrg  
is the Big city  
in Germany. Fillany  
USA have the great  
Best USA military.

- Jaleel

My dad is fun to play  
with. and my life is hard  
and i know its ok to be  
sad. its hard because of all  
the moving and i wont  
give up and i want have friends  
when i move to a different  
school. when i move my life  
will change again but i still  
have my video games and  
will make new friends at my  
new home and i will have  
new friends. and i will have my  
new dog at Lee, and my ew.

- Angel

Hi my name is Sergio. I'm  
here to tell you about the struggles  
of being a military child.  
I like what to put sorry my teacher  
I don't like moving cause it's hard  
to pick up stuff and make new friends  
2. friend of really nice sh-shuppy  
wife. but when you make  
new friends there not really  
sure and you don't know any  
of them.

- Sergio

I love the military because  
I have my friends and teachers.  
another I can learn and work  
hard for the test. So I can  
go to 4th grade!

- Seohoo

Hi my name is Roman and let  
me tell you about life as a  
military child. It's cool because  
you get to travel with my  
family this year. I am moving to  
Hawaii. The bad part is I will  
miss my friends but you get to  
explore many different places my dad's  
mom had well past away.

- Roman

Hello! My name is Kingston, I am a military  
Kid. I was born in South Korea and I have 13 people  
in my family. I love to travel to a bunch of places.  
I had a lot of sad things happen to my family.  
My grandfather on my dad's side died from a  
Heart-attack. Not more than 15 months ago. My great-  
grandmother on my mom's side died from Covid-19.  
My grandfather on my mom side had 7 brothers  
lost them died from cancer a month ago. I have  
to be strong and do good to forget the sad  
things of my life. I will be really sad when  
I move to Germany in 5 years.

- Kingston

My name is Ronin being a  
military kid is not fun. Because  
you move too much. Also your friends  
move to. I have gone through  
5 moves. But it can be fun.  
So you meet new friends. I have  
lived in 2 states  
and Japan. I have lived in Japan  
for 5 years. But I do not  
know how long in the states.  
Being a military kid can  
be fun.

- Ronin

Being a military kid is  
hard because your mom or dad are  
gone for a long time. If your  
mom or dad are in the military  
you might have to move to  
different cities or states. It's hard  
to be in the military  
you have to leave your friends  
a lot of times. If your plan  
sit you have to go on a plan  
if you are in the military.  
This is my life by being  
in the military so if you  
are in the military this will probably

- Bella

Hi my name is Layla and let me  
tell you about life in a military  
community. So a lot of people in  
school are military kids - so a lot  
of your friends are probably in the  
military. And it's really sad  
because when they move to another  
state or country like my friend  
Maggie and Grayson. Grayson is  
moving in 1 year and Maggie is  
moving in 3/4 months so I will  
be really sad. So this is a roller  
coaster of emotions. It's really fun  
though. Especially the pool like the

- Layla

Being a military child is  
nice and hard. It is hard  
because you move a lot and you have  
to make a lot of friends. It is cool  
because you get to see a lot  
of different places. It's also  
hard because my mom is in  
the military and she works a lot,  
and sometimes I don't get to  
see her for the whole day.  
I like being a military child  
and I don't like being a military child  
but I know that it is amazing  
being a military child.

- Madalyn

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CELEBRATING MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

# Humphreys Central Elementary School

2nd grade  
Ms. Albers



**The Military Child**  
 It's hard to be a military child. They always move but they make friends about anywhere. The hardest part is the flower of the military child.  
 Aiden

- Aiden

**The Military Child**  
 I am a military child. I am sad to move because I will have to leave Asian my best friend. My school was in California so I am moving to Washington state. I am happy for my mom. I am sad to write. I will be writing soon too.  
 Beckham

- Beckham

**The Military Child**  
 I am a military child. I like being in the military child because I get to know new communities, new schools, new cultures, and make new friends. Sometimes I get to see my dad at work. I've also gone to the United States and Korea. It's hard to say good-bye to friends and family, but I am happy because I get to make new friends. That's why I like being a military child.  
 Travis

- Travis

**The Military Child**  
 I am a military child. I travel. I am happy to be a military child. I don't have Texas, Kansas, Missouri, and I have a lot of friends in different countries. My friend's name is Saleena. Here is a picture of me and my friend.  
 Bella

- Bella

**The Military Child**  
 I am a happy military child. I am happy when I'm with my friends but soon I'm going to move to Idaho.  
 Erika

- Erika

**The Military Child**  
 I am a military child. I am staying in a military child. It is my duty to go to school and learn. But I travel a lot. Sometimes I want to stay for a while where my dad is. I've gone to Washington D.C., Virginia, Puerto Rico, Georgia, Ohio. I'm probably going to Guam, Hawaii, Japan, or back to Puerto Rico. I am happy but also sad.  
 Payton

- Payton

**The Military Child**  
 I am a military child. Moving is hard but you meet new people. You learn new things about food and new countries. This is why I like being a military child.  
 Howard

- Howard

**The Military Child**  
 I am a military child. I love my dad. I love my mom. I love my friends. I love my school. I love my life. I love my dad. I love my mom. I love my friends. I love my school. I love my life. I love my dad. I love my mom. I love my friends. I love my school. I love my life.  
 Noah

- Noah

**The Military Child**  
 Hi, I am a military child. I live in the United States. I can make friends just about anywhere. There are 12 million children or active-duty members. Like a flower, I can put down roots anywhere and grow. Purple is the color of the military child because it is all the colors of the military. I like being a military child.  
 Jacob

- Jacob

**The Military Child**  
 I am a military child but it's hard to be one. First I have to move away from my family, my friends, but the fun things are that I get to move to places that I've never been to. The best thing is that I'm making new friends. That's why I love being a military child.  
 Jaleena

- Jaleena

**The Military Child**  
 I am a military child. I am strong. I am brave. It is sad to move away from friends, but then I need to make new ones. Sometimes I need to leave a pet behind. It's sad when my dad needs to deploy but then what it means to be a military child.  
 Quincy

- Quincy

**The Military Child**  
 I am a military child. I'm constantly on the move. I was scared when my dad deployed. Then my dad came back for my birthday. Then we moved to Hawaii. It was sad to move.  
 Charlotte

- Charlotte

**The Military Child**  
 I am a military child. I think it is hard because my dad got deployed. It is very hard when I moved to Korea because I had to leave my dog behind. I was really sad because that I found a stuffed animal that looks exactly like my dog. That's why I like being a military child.  
 Samantha

- Samantha

**The Military Child**  
 I am a military child. I like being a military child. I am sad because I am moving back to Texas. I've been to Ohio and King George, Virginia. I have been to my dad's work. I am strong.  
 Serenity

- Serenity

**The Military Child**  
 I am a military child. It's hard going to a new country. I have to leave my friends. It's sad to leave my friends. I go to a new school and I make new friends. Then my old friends move here and it makes me happy to be a military child.  
 Victoria

- Victoria



I am a military child  
 I make new friends  
 in new schools  
 I am smart brave  
 and I have courage Purple is still my  
 color and dandelion is my flower  
 We don't move around the world  
 a lot unless it is like vacation.  
 Also my dad is not in the military  
 he just works for the military  
 By Jayden

- Jayden

I am a military child  
 because my  
 dad is in the Army he  
 lives in Texas and  
 South Korea so I'm a kid's friend  
 and I like to play in the park  
 I dandelion is our flower and I  
 like to blow them.  
 by Jasmine

- Jasmine

I AM A Military child  
 I have lived  
 in the states  
 and South  
 Korea My dad is a  
 soldier in the Army  
 my works for the  
 Army. When I  
 moved to south Korea  
 I made many new  
 friends I also started  
 a new school.

- Isabella

I am a  
 military child  
 I'm a military child  
 because my dad is in  
 the Army. I have went  
 to three different  
 schools The most recent  
 being Humphrey central.  
 The other two were Marine  
 and North Carolina. I make  
 new friends it is easy  
 because I'm out going I don't  
 like moving all the time I have  
 to say good bye to my friends.

- Brandon

I am a military  
 child  
 I am a military  
 child because my  
 dad is a soldier  
 I have been  
 to Texas, Hawaii and Germany  
 I'm now in South Korea.  
 I have made a lot of  
 friends and been to many  
 schools. I'm smart and  
 resilient. I am a good  
 friend.  
 by Adrian

- Adrian

I Am a military child  
 I am a military  
 child because  
 my dad is in the  
 military. I make new friends  
 ever time I move. The flower  
 of the military is a dandelion  
 I go to a new school and  
 I make new friends when  
 I was born I was a military  
 child because my dad was  
 in the military. by Yasmina

- Yasmina

I am a  
 military child  
 I have  
 lived in  
 many different  
 places. I  
 have to make new  
 friends and go to  
 new schools. I love  
 dandelions. I am smart  
 I am curious. I  
 am brave.  
 BY: Karter

- Karter

My dad is a  
 sav'leon he  
 works for  
 the army. I've  
 lived in Hawaii Utah and  
 Korea. when I go to  
 a new school I get  
 nervous but after  
 that I am smart brave  
 nice and helpful.  
 I like dandelions  
 because they are  
 the military flower you  
 can make wishes and it's  
 fun to blow it. That's why  
 I like dandelions.

- Brighton

I am a military child  
 I am a military  
 child because my  
 dad is in the Army.  
 I went to alot of new schools  
 and I make new friends in every school  
 My family and me move around  
 alot I am a brave and smart child  
 I was born a military child.  
 by Samara

- Samara

A military child  
 my dad is in the  
 military.  
 I had leg in army Korea.  
 I am brave and smart and curious  
 I move to new schools  
 every 6 mi coms.  
 a dandelion is my flower.  
 by Tony

- Tony

I'm a military  
 child  
 My mom is in the  
 military and I have courage  
 and bravery. our color is  
 Purple and our flower is  
 a dandelion. I'm well  
 founded and smart.  
 I move around alot  
 and I get new friends  
 and a new school.  
 by Jordie

- Jordie

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# Humphreys Central Elementary School

3rd grade Ms. Goodrich

It is awesome!! You get free medical insurance until 21 or 23!!! Literally it's amazing!! You also have a great life because you get car insurance. You also get military discounts!!! Personally I love being a military child!

- Felix

What it's like to be a military child. So what it's like is you move around a lot! Also when your a bit younger your mom and dad might get deployed. Life is like your mom and dad get home later. That is what a day in a life of a military child is like.

- Grayson

What life is like for me. it is good and bad. I good thing is I see the world. I bad thing is I leave my friends. I more thing is that I get new friends. By Sofie Miles #15

- Sofie

I feel good as a part of a military community because I can travel to new places. I like that I can travel to new countries like Korea. When I am in a military community I can be safe and brave. Military saves peoples lives and the world. I can eat new food. That is what I like being a part of a military community.

- Ava

Being a part of military community is very fun you make and when you move you make new friends. And the more you move and you make friends as you go. And when you move you leave your friends.

- Lesley

I have to move a lot. But I get to see new places. The worst part is the new schools I have to make a lot of new friends. But I get to see a lot of new houses. I think being a military child is pretty cool.


- Derrick

My life as a military kid is kind of good. I say that only because me and my family move a lot! But at least I get to see different cultures. Also being a military kid is special because you are supported by your community. It's very strong. So you can say that it's not the best but being a military child is very special.

- Mya

My life as a military child My life as a military child is amazing. you get to move to different places and explore new things. You also get to make new friends. Another reason is that you get to move to different schools. Being a military child is awesome!

- Jude

It is fun to be a military child. You get to travel and eat. I love to travel military child. 

- Isabella

My life as a Military Child is thrilling! I get to move to different places and explore their cultures. I was born in Belgium then I moved to Virginia beach. Then I moved to Colorado Springs and got to visit my Dad's Mom a lot. Then I moved to El Paso, Texas. It was really hot in El Paso. Next I moved here, in South Korea. My dad is in Army. He joined when he was 18 years old. I always been in a military community since I was born. That's why my life as a military child is thrilling.

- Annabeth

What life is like for an Military kid? Well it is so fun that you can make new friends. Also you can live in a safe and nice big community and neighborhood. I love living in a safe big community. That is why I like being an military kid.

- Keith

You move around a lot as a military child. The sad thing is that you have to leave your old friends behind. The good thing is that you can make new friends. You can also go to a new school on base. This all I have to day.

- Bryce

It feels good to be part of the military community because you and your family can spend time with each other. The military is brave and strong. You can eat different food and live in different countries as a military kid. Yes I like to be a military.

- Serenity

It's so awesome because your mom and dad works at the Military. They work hard to get money and let you get toys. So when you get home do chores so your parents do not need to do it! When you are playing at school you might get hurt but there are military people to make you safe.

- Shannon

My Life as a kid who is part of the Military Community is the best thing ever! People at the Military might be your Mom or Dad or your sibling. Soldiers are protecting you from dangers and that is a hard job. You should be thankful for our heroes protecting our world. Without the soldiers, people would be unsafe and scared. You are lucky to be a kid who is part of the Military Community.

- Arieya

Being part of a military community. Even though my parents are not soldiers I am still a military child. When you are part of a military community you will notice that there are great schools, great friends and lots of nice people. There is also lots of chances to move to different places. It is great to be a military child.

- Lily



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BY ANDERSON BRYANT,  
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Anna Roth has been recognized as Osan Air Base Youth Programs 2021 Youth of the Year. Roth currently attends Osan Middle High School and has a GPA of 4.36. Roth has been a member of the Osan Teen Center's Keystone Club as well as participating in various school activities. She has received awards such as the President's Award for Educational Excellence, Cadet Recruiter Ribbon, Encampment Ribbon and Cross Country MVP just to name a few. Roth

is always eager to help wherever she is needed. She truly values and believes in service to others and exemplifies the leadership and character which are required of the Youth of the Year (YoY). Roth aspires to attain an ROTC scholarship, study international relations and become an Air Force Officer. Her motto is 'Success isn't measured by others, but the impact you make on their lives.'

We would like to congratulate Anna Roth and we know that she will represent Osan Air Base Youth Programs well as the Youth of the Year.

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## CELEBRATING MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

# Humphreys Central Elementary School

4th grade  
Ms. West

## Positive and Good Facts

I will be sharing some good facts about being a military child. First, you get to make lots of new, unique and interesting friends. Next, you get years of experience in many different places. Sometimes in different countries. Then, you get to learn so many new things, such as how to speak other languages, how to live in other countries, and one of the best is to eat new food! Last but not least, you can look back on your childhood and say, "I had a good life." You can think of all the stuff you did and think of what if I did it again, or move on. You might not understand that sentence, but maybe, hopefully you do.

## Not Good Facts

There are not just all good things about being a military kid, so I will now tell you the bad things of being a military child. First, you lose many, many friends. Next, you will miss the FOOD!!! Then, you cry a lot about some things about the place. For example, saying goodbye to your friends, packing away your stuff and remembering what it was like with your stuff there, and saying goodbye to your family if you are moving away from them. Last, you think, this will never happen again, and you pack away the memories.

## What I Did

I did have to say goodbye to my family. Where I wrote this is in Korea, but I'm moving back to the USA soon. I'm happy. I hope you think about your life after this.

- Gabe K. Sweeney

To begin, I like being a military child because I get to move around the world and see new places and learn the new cultures of different places. It can also be hard to leave friends, family and a lot of what you know. You do get to have a lot of friends around the world though. I like going to cool places and trying the different foods! I love to learn different languages and recipes. Military children move at least up to five times before their parents retire. I am going to move for my sixth time this summer. I get to see animals in different places because they have different adaptations. When you are a military child you usually stay at a place for two years.

- Audriana Fox

Being a military kid has tons of pros and a con, here are some of the pros and the con. You can meet new friends and travel the world to many different countries. You have opportunities to explore and see what not everyone has seen. It is exactly like tourism but different. You have your own month celebration and a holiday called Veterans day to celebrate the ones who have fought for their country. Like I said, you can meet new friends. It is very easy to make new friends from around the world, you just have to talk to your peers to make friends. You also live in the same country for 2 or 3 years, to get tons of experience. The con tho, is not too nice. You have to leave your friends to go to another country. Tho, it is not too bad once you get used to it. Some more pros is that you can go to a school for military kids and eat different foods. You can make many memories in different countries. It's nice to travel around the world after staying in one country for 2 years or so. You may be able to live in your dream country due to your mom or dad's job. Being a military kid is cool when you think about it in the end, in my opinion, it's nice and cool to be a military kid.

- Tori Buan

It feels great being a military child. I'm really shy, but I still have one friend, so it's kind of great, but I can make more friends. If I was not a military child I could not have my one friend. I'm having fun and learning new things. So that is why I think being a military child is great.

- Ethan Maddox Baguio

It is hard being a military child, but I am also proud that my mom and dad are in the Army. Sometimes I wish they were not because we have to move different places a lot and it is hard saying goodbye to all my friends, my school and making new friends and going to a new school and meeting a new teacher.

- Nariyah Brown

Pros and Cons  
What it means to me to be a military child is that sometimes it will be hard to make friends, but you can make more friends than if you lived in the same place your whole life. When you're a military child you will move to an abundant amount of places, which can be great for exploring new places, but you may be sad to leave a place you love. When you are a military child, sometimes it is hard when your mom or dad leaves home, but you can still write letters to keep in touch. These are some main things that happen when you are a military child.

- Mariah McMillian

Hi, my name is Gus and I was born in Alabama. My dad just got in the army when I was born. One memory was when my dad got off a helicopter from basic training.

This is my second time in Korea my dad was in the army the first time, but the second time now my dad is a civilian. It is not always great, have to leave your friends every time you move. A great thing about being military kid is Making new friends and having new experiences in new places.

I am always glad to think I have a part in the military of being brave and Trying new things. The best part of being a military kid is making friends I have my friend Lincoln who made a big part in my life. My dad calls him My "battle buddy" and I am glad he is my battle buddy.

- Gus Grunert

To start it means you might have to move a lot and lose your friends and you also lose some stuff to and you need to make decisions and some good stuff is whenever you move you make new friends and you get travel all around the world meet new people learn new languages and also learn new things and i think being a military kid is good cause you get to meet new people and also see new stuff and sometimes it's hard to leave but it's fun to go different places.

- Jacob Arteno

To begin, Being a military kid means that you are part of the military family. Next I'll tell you many reasons why good thing and a bad thing. If you're a Military you can meet different people and explore places, but you will miss your friends if they're going somewhere different then you. It might be hard to make new friends. Then, You can learn different languages by going to new places, but you may not understand. You might lose pets if you move. You might want to stay in the place you are in. Finally these are the reasons why it's a good thing and a bad thing.

- Eunghae Kang

Being a military kid you can make lots of friends. Then you move a lot and lose those friends. You move around and get to see new and cool places around the world. Like I have been to Asia and Europe. My dad is in the military and sometimes I have to stay and he might have to go to some places. We also get money from it but my dad has to work hard. Being an army brat has some positives and negatives.

- Tyler Fagergren

Being a military child is great. you move all around the world and have new experiences and you can learn new skills like skateboarding and you can try some new delicious food yum. And make new friends the. army is always protecting you.

- Omar Holmes

I like being a military kid because I can go so many places. And I have met so many people and so many friends. The hard part is leaving those friends and what looks familiar. I am so proud of my dad. I can not say how fun some things have been. Even though it can be hard (it can be fun). So I say I like being a military child.

- Parker Bailey

To begin, what it means to me to be a military kid is, my parents are both in the military. They are always at work, so that makes me think they are doing very good things and making a difference in the world. I have a brother named Blake. Me and him are always saying that we wish one of our parents was out of the military. It is so hard to tell them because we don't want to hear their feelings. So really I like being an army kid and I don't at the same time. Yes both of my parents are in the army. I want my mom to retire because all of my friends have stay home moms and I want that to. It sounds like I would not have a nanny anymore.

- Katherine Martin

Being a military kid has some ups and downs some of the ups is being ignored like being noticed but last year being a military kid was hard because it was hard to make friends but the other military kids became my friends but being a military kid isn't about being popular it's about helping those in need and that's what being a military kid is about.

- Joseph Trejo

Being a Military child be nice and sometimes a bad thing, but it is very fun, you get to travel around the world and into new places, visit new cultures and see tons of different people and their religion, you also get to go into schools and make new friends and play and learn new things, subjects, friends, teachers, and so much more in a school, you really need to also be grateful of what you have and use the already have stuff, and learn how to love yourself and make yourself proud, you can ask anybody which can be your parents siblings if you have, friends, people near you and even a pet, talk about your feelings and doing much more things that make you feel like a Military child, going out, seeing new places and things and also talking to new people, there is so much you can do while being a Military child, make anything and everything fun while it can last, you might not get to see it again or in awhile.

- Sophia Lauren Bunal

To be a military kid you have to have faith in yourself. I like to be a military kid because it's fun to explore new things that you never see in here and also there is a lot of good food here and some that I don't and so that is why I like to be a military kid.

- Evelyn Roh

Being a military kid is hard for me because I am a little shy and I do not talk much. There are a lot of people, but it is still hard for me. Being a military kid is fun but a bit hard.

- Zane Hunt

It means to protect your home helping people, and look out for others and, if you are a military child you should do the same thing that's what it means, to be a military child. It's not that easy to make friends but try and if you are a military child and see another military child then be friends with them. And it's great to be a military child you can speak other languages.

- Devin Bolden

I like being a Military connected child because my mom works in a flight line called King Aerospace. She works at a pretty high level. something I don't like being a Military connected child is, if my friend is a Military child, and she/he has to leave, and I have to stay. I wish I could go around the world like an actual Military child. I still like being a Military child, I get to stay and I can still see other friends from my apartment, school and other places. I can stay and make new friends in school and my apartment. This is how I feel like being a Military connected child.

- Nicole Seo

Being a military kid is bad and good at the same time. You go to new places and see new things, but you also leave your friends. So it's not that bad and not that good. Some kids don't see their mom or dad, so I just want you to know that we're here for you. Let's keep sprouting and going to new gardens.

- Liam St. Andre

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CELEBRATING MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

# Humphreys Central Elementary School

2nd grade  
Mr. Binfield

**The Military Child**  
 by Serena B. 2nd Grade  
 I am a Military child because I am strong, I am brave and I am friendly. I take care of my self and to each other. I take care of my family. I love being a military child.

I am sad because my friends in my neighborhood left Korea but it is ok when I move away my friends will visit me when they move back to Florida I will visit my friends.

- Serena

**The Military Child**  
 by Elisa  
 I am a military child because I like to travel and I like to make new friends. And I like to make new friends every day when I travel I make new friends and I like to go to a new house and sometimes we go with my dad by his work and see new places in his work but sometimes we stay in his office all day. I am happy to be a military child.

- Elisa

**The Military Child**  
 by Kaitlynn O. 2nd Grade  
 I am a military child because I need to go to school and I need to be a good military and I also learn to be helpful, kind, and loving. And I need to learn what is it to be a military child. And also learn new things to learn like math, science and other stuff. I love being a good military child and being like nice and kind. I am a good military child.

- Kaitlynn

**The Military Child**  
 by Cameron C. I am a military child. I moved 3 times first to Tennessee next Iowa then Korea. I was born in Georgia it's where most of my family members are. My full family are born in Georgia. I made lots of friends.

I made friends around the world. I love being a military child.

- Cameron

**The Military Child**  
 by Kai  
 I am a military child because I love to travel and I like to make new friends. And I like to go to a new house and sometimes we go with my dad by his work and see new places in his work but sometimes we stay in his office all day. I am happy to be a military child.

the way we different. At Korea they speak a different language. But the way we can understand them. But some of them speak English. I lived in Korea and Korea and I love being a military child is great.

- Kai

**The Military Child**  
 by Riley  
 I am a military child because I like to travel and I like to make new friends. And I like to go to a new house and sometimes we go with my dad by his work and see new places in his work but sometimes we stay in his office all day. I am happy to be a military child.

times some times my house was scary times some times the house is not scary to me. And this is why I like to be a military child.

- Riley

**The Military Child**  
 by Joseph  
 I am a military child I have went to DC, England, Japan, the states, New Mexico. It was very hard to say goodbye. I am not who I used to be there's a hole in my heart but now I am all good now.

- Joseph

**The Military Child**  
 by Zoie  
 I am a military child I like to travel and I like to make new friends. And I like to go to a new house and sometimes we go with my dad by his work and see new places in his work but sometimes we stay in his office all day. I am happy to be a military child.

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- Zoie

**The Military Child**  
 by JJ  
 I am a military child I go to school to learn and I make new friends.

- JJ

**The Military Child**  
 by Isla.psd  
 I am a military child because I like to travel and I like to make new friends. And I like to go to a new house and sometimes we go with my dad by his work and see new places in his work but sometimes we stay in his office all day. I am happy to be a military child.

- Isla.psd

**The Military Child**  
 by Alexia  
 I am a military child because I like to travel and I like to make new friends. And I like to go to a new house and sometimes we go with my dad by his work and see new places in his work but sometimes we stay in his office all day. I am happy to be a military child.

- Alexia

**The Military Child**  
 by Marcus  
 I'm a military child it's what I do. I like to travel and I like to make new friends. And I like to go to a new house and sometimes we go with my dad by his work and see new places in his work but sometimes we stay in his office all day. I am happy to be a military child.

I'm a military child.

- Marcus

**The Military Child**  
 by Sebastian  
 I like to help my dad sometimes. Also when my dad leaves I miss him. And when he come back I hug him. I like to help my mom with crazy stuff. I am a military child.

- Sebastian

**The Military Child**  
 by Elliana  
 I am a military child I am kind and strong. But I miss my mom. But military child is strong. And I like to be brave and strong. I like being a military child.

- Elliana

**The Military Child**  
 by Kelier  
 I am a military child I like to be a military child because I think one day I will ride a quater and help all my partners. And am glad to be brave when we move.

- Kelier

CELEBRATING MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

# Humphreys Central Elementary School

1st grade  
Ms. Rickett



**The Military Child**  
By Maleek Robinson  
I love being a military child.  
I go to new places.  
I go to new places. I  
make new friends.

- Maleek

**The Military Child**  
By Jaylen Williams  
I LOVE TO HAVE FUN IN NEW PLACES  
I LOVE TO GO NEW PLACES  
I LOVE TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS.  
BEING A MILITARY CHILD  
IS NICE.

- Jaylen

**The Military Child**  
By Hannah  
I love being a military  
child. I meet new friends. I get new  
toys. It is fun. Being a military child is  
the best!

- Hannah

**The Military Child**  
By Gia  
I love being a military child.  
I can have fun. I can make new  
friends. I can play games.  
Being a military child is lovely!

- Gia

**The Military Child**  
By Sydney Wright  
I love being a military  
child. I go to new  
places. I go to new places  
I have new friends. Being a military  
child is fun.

- Sydney

**The Military Child**  
I love being a  
military child. I can  
make new friends.  
I can go to new places.  
And have new houses.  
Being a military child  
is fun.

- Mason

**The Military Child**  
By Malachi  
I love being  
a military child. I learn  
about new places. I go to  
new houses. I will meet new  
friends. Being a military  
child is amazing.

- Malachi

**The Military Child**  
By Niclas Otacki  
I love being a military child.  
I am learning new things. I have  
new friends. I can be with my  
Dad. I feel happy about being  
a military child!

- Niclas

**The Military Child**  
by Jake Osorio  
I love being a military child. I  
go to new places. I make new  
friends and I have a dog. I feel  
happy!

- Jake

**The Military Child**  
By Holland Hoffmann  
I love being a military  
child. I learn new  
things. I go to new places  
I have new techs.  
Being a military  
child is fun.

- Holland

**The Military Child**  
By Samantha Kennedy  
I like being a military child.  
I have fun. I have friends.  
I fly in a airplane. Being a  
military child is fun!

- Samantha

**The Military Child**  
By Mattis Collaso  
I like being a military child.  
It is fun. We have a house.

- Mattis

**The Military Child**  
By Heidi  
I love being a military child.  
I meet new people. I learn new  
things. I have new house.

- Heidi





CELEBRATING MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

Humphreys Middle School

5th grade • Ms. Horne

April  
By: Kyela

April is Month of the Military Child  
Parents could be in the Army, Navy, or Air Force  
Right now you could be moving somewhere  
In the world, you might hate at first then  
Love it, it may be scary at first then you'll get used to it.

- Kyela



- Jeremy

Army  
By: Madelyn

A always traveling  
R arely moving  
M y Mother is a veteran  
Y et everywhere I make friends

- Madelyn



- Trey

TRAVELING  
By: Soo Yeon K.

T raveling may be hard but fun when you are going out to meet  
R eady to go, but some still busy packing  
A bout to ride a plane excited and nervous  
W itting places you thought only existed in paintings and movies  
E ven though you travel a lot you are excited, nervous, and glad  
L eaving a place you once lived and grown used to may be sad  
I n to a land you had never been  
N ow will be your new home  
G oing to a land where battles might come.



- Soo Yeon K.



- Deon

By: Alex

Serious Soldier the better  
O ut there you can make new friend  
L eaving my friends  
D o what the leaders say  
I move to a bunch of places  
E ndless fight it might seem  
R eamember you friends  
S oldiers will never surrender



- Alex



- Chloe

Traveling  
By Andrew

T o go a different country  
R ealizing it's hard to leave my friends  
A nd it takes a long time to see them again  
V acations in the summer can be fun  
E ven learning a new culture can be fun  
L earning the language  
I t can be hard to start a new school  
N ever a dull moment  
G oing from place to place.

- Andrew



- Julian

Oh, My Beautiful Life  
By: Khiandra

I am a military-comet child  
O nly moved twice  
I am still wild  
S till free  
I am a seed, I float everywhere  
I drift to the states then back to Korea  
M ost of the Koreans stare  
A t my beautiful hair  
I am happy to be in this beautiful nation  
A lso with Guam and Japan  
M y parents are educators and that's my relation  
T o this wonderful military

- Khiandra

Military  
By: David

M y dad is in the military so  
I am a military kid.  
L ike my friends  
I live in different places.  
T raveling can sometimes be  
A nnoying because I move away from  
R eally friendly friends. When  
Y ou move away, it can be sad.

- David

I'm a military child  
I travel miles and miles  
I came to Korea  
To explore knowing  
That my family  
Is waiting for me  
To leave to go to Korea  
I miss my family very much  
It was really tough  
I'm excited to go back  
Being a military child  
Comes with really rough  
My mom comes home  
From work knowing this is  
My life, I know I'm not the only one.

- Lydia

Kindness  
By: Seiya

I'm kind to my friends  
And they are kind to me  
At recess we like to play and be free  
If my friends move away, I will be sad.  
So sometimes being a military kid can be  
a little bad

- Seiya

Army  
By: Jacob

A rrives at the next base  
R emember my past homes  
M ostly moved to Korea or the United States  
Y eeh! my fears for a new start



- Jacob

A rmy soldiers always work.  
R iding on an air plane to move.  
M ove and move is all we do.  
Y ou can feel like you are in the army too  
By: Rhyleen

- Rhyleen

# CELEBRATING MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

**Traveling**  
 Traveling is fun  
 But it's sad to leave my friends  
 But the fun is never done  
 But my friends will stay with me  
 I'm in a school on a military base  
 To which I can't really relate  
 Kids with parents who fight and face  
 So am I really a military child?

BY EZRA

- Ezra

**A New Adventure**  
 By: Anh

Everywhere I go  
 Is always like show  
 I am a military child  
 But I am never wild

Everything is so pretty  
 Though it is a pretty  
 When leaving my home town  
 Always gets me down.

But with a new sight to see  
 My body fills up with glee  
 A new adventure awaits  
 Oh I cannot wait!

- Anh

**Army Dad**  
 BY Adam

MY Army dad is a nice person  
 He works really hard  
 Which makes me glad and not sad  
 He is also a chef

He cooks all day  
 And makes a lot of money  
 But he also makes people say Yummy  
 To his food which makes people deal

This makes him cool  
 And he is never a fool  
 Also I appreciate the work he does  
 Because if he wasn't here  
 I would be sad and shed tears

- Adam

**Military Child**  
 By: Sienna

I'm not really a military child  
 No one in my family is military or Army  
 Even though we could be wild  
 We don't move often or travel around

My dad was in the Air force before  
 But I never experienced since I wasn't born  
 Nothing to relate and nothing to share  
 I'm like that one burnt corn

I'm in a school on a military base  
 To which I can't really relate  
 Kids with parents who fight and face  
 So am I really a military child?

- Sienna

**MILITARY**  
 BY JEFFREY

MY Dad works with the Military  
 I am sad when I leave my friends  
 Leaving the states is hard

I felt independent going somewhere  
 new.  
 The military tells you where  
 you will move next.  
 And we started packing to go on our  
 new experience.  
 Right when we got to our new home  
 we loved it. we were  
 yelling in happiness that we made it.

- Jeffrey

**Military**  
 By: Maryann

Month of the Military Child is here  
 In the Military, you might need to leave home  
 Leaving home can be hard because you're away for so long  
 In the Military, you need to train and exercise  
 Traveling happens a lot if your parents are in the Military  
 April is the Month of the Military Child  
 Right now you can be away from home, friends, and family  
 Your parents can be in the Army or Navy

- Maryann

The Military is a dangerous place  
 But you have to keep up with it's pace.  
 You can go to war and fight for your life  
 Or you can run and hide.  
 You may injure yourself  
 and you might get help

You might miss your home  
 But you have to work some more.  
 Then you get to see your family  
 They were happy and also worried.  
 That is the Military.

- Joshua

**Military Pride**  
 By: Cristella

whenever I look up at my dad,  
 I never seem to get sad,  
 His uniform always makes me proud,  
 And his laugh is reassuring and loud,

My family and I,  
 Watch the men up high,  
 Training for our nation,  
 And creates an inspiration,

- Cristella

Military is sometimes boring and fun.  
 I travel a bit all over the world  
 Like now I am moving again.  
 I have to pack everything which is stressful  
 The movers are coming soon  
 All papers are together for us to move.  
 Right I am in Korea and have friends  
 Yet we move again and I have to start all over again

- Janae

**Dandelions**  
 By Elianna

Seeds fallen,  
 Spread everywhere,  
 Growing and spreading  
 Moving anywhere,  
 I am a Military BRAT.

Roots develop,  
 Seeds sprout,  
 Flowers bloom,  
 Life spreads out.



- Elianna

**ARMY DAD**  
 By Kayden

Awesome branch to be in  
 remembering all the holidays  
 My whole life is being a military child  
 you know, it gets tough, but Army  
 Dads are  
 awesome so  
 Don't be sad if your dad is in the Army

- Kayden

I am the one who goes bowling with my dad and his Army friends,  
 I am the one who loves family time,  
 I am the one who cries when I listen to sad music,  
 I'm the one who gets sad thinking about my siblings going to college,  
 I am the one who loves family movie nights the most,  
 I am the one who is always outside,  
 I am the one who lived in Japan, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and now Korea,  
 I am the one who usually sits with my dad on the plane,  
 I am the one who hates the Covid test,  
 I am the one who hates shots,  
 I am the one who has to pick my new room last,  
 I am the one who has to share a room with my sister,  
 I am the one who makes new friends the fastest,  
 I am the one who hates being in different time zones than my friends,  
 I am the one who misses my dad when he has to travel for the Army  
 I am the one who moves every couple of years,  
 I am the one who loves that my dad is serving our country.

I am a military child!

- Eleanor Brown, 3rd grade  
Humphreys West Elementary School

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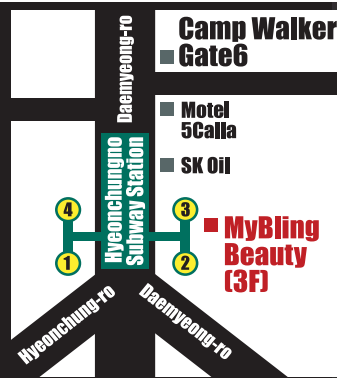
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Being a military child is really fun but there are some bad things, read on to find out. Being a military child is so fun! But one thing that is bad is that you are always moving! You have to say goodbye to your friends, family, and sometimes your pets!! I had to. I think moving is the worst part of being a military child because you can make new friends but the you move

-Cailynn Hayes

A few years ago, My dad had to go, To a terrible place, Called Afghanistan. Gone for nine months, We were all sad, But soon we were glad, For the arrival of two new family members, One new and one old. We welcomed my sister, As well as my dad, Now can you see, Why we were all glad?

- Nuri Castro

Being a military child is fun but there are a few things that some people might not like.

Hi I am Jada Pressley and I am telling you a quick story of my life. So I have lived in uptown NY, for about 8-9 years of my life. I had the best of friends and teachers. When I was in 3rd grade, I had to break the bad news to my friends, and tell them that I am going to Korea.

Next thing you know is that my house is all packed up and we are living in a hotel. During the last 10 minutes of school on my last day of school I had to say goodbye to my friends.

Well now I made new friends and live happily in Korea! I am 10 turning 11 in August and still keep in touch with my friends in the states.

- Jada

Washington nice Chilly in fall, freezing too Boiling hot warm

- Jason Sanchez

As I say this prayer so loud I hope you hear me among the clouds. I pray to stop moving it is no fun, but as I sleep I will dream.

It is fun it is free for being a military child I should be proud for it is an honor here on the ground.

- Annabelle Layne

I think being a military child is fun. There's a S.A.C. here that you can go to after school and it's fun. You can make friends and meet different people. There's a bowling alley and a movie theater and that's super fun. There's also a place where you can play different games. There's giant board games, air hockey, video games, etc. Being a military child is the best.

- Gabrielle Wilson

First off, it is (at times) difficult. My dad is in the Army, and sometimes he isn't always home at the end of the day. Despite that, what I find great about being a military brat is the connections. I get to meet different people from different backgrounds and make new friendships. Even though I move almost every two years, I am always able to make new friends with different qualities. I also get to have fun and interesting experiences when I move. How many kids get to say they live in different and new places every few years? Bottom line, being a military child yields new experiences and relationships. The difficulties just make me stronger!

- Alice

Being a military kid means a lot of things. It means meeting new people. It means traveling to new places and making new friends. It means enjoying new experiences that most people you know haven't had the chance to experience. It means knowing that when life is at its worst, it will turn out ok. It means saying goodbye when you really don't want to. It even means moving when you really don't want to. Sometimes, military life can be sad. It's up to you to make it better again.

As you grow older, you realize that being a military kid is a lot more than your mom or dad (or both!) going out and fighting bad guys. You'll realize that there's two sides to everything that happens in your life, it could be good or bad. How you handle that is up to you. You could choose to be really sad and think of it as a bad thing, or you could choose to find the good and be happy. My mom tells me that if you look for the good, you get the good, but if you look for the bad, you get the bad. It is very useful to remember when you're feeling down.

I used to live in Kentucky when I was in 4th grade, but we had to move to South Korea during the middle of the school year. I was upset because I did not want to leave my friends and family or start school again mid-year. I barely knew what life was like before Kentucky, so it made me really sad when I heard we were moving. But when I got here, I made new friends and liked living here. I like the food, the places to go, and all of the country! As I've thought about it, I've realized that being a military kid means my life being what I make it to be. Military kids are awesome!

- Reilani Perez

Military children have a lot in common with you! All children move, just like military children! As for me, I am a military child!

- Eliana Penland

Being a Military child feels like a normal family but if you're a military child we have to Go in a checkpoint and give our ID to the guard and scan it so we can go in.

And one time I've moved in base couple of years ago and i lived 2 or 3 years i liked that place we moved out :(

- Ian Kim

I love being a military child! Being a military child is so fun. You can go to a safe feeling school because we are in a military base with soldiers. That makes me feel really safe. Since I'm a Korean-American I can make friends that are Korean-American. Another reason why I love being a military child is because of the activity shops such as Arts and Crafts, Downtown Bowling, and Downtown Reactions. I really enjoy being a military child. :)

- Amelia Roh

Because my dad is in the army, we move a lot. The longest time I have lived in one place is 3 years so far. I don't like moving a lot, because I miss a lot of my friends and it's hard to leave them. Right now it's the hardest time because I can't visit any friends or family. But! Sense we move a lot me, my two brothers and my mom and dad are the first Rauckhorsts in our family to be in Korea. School has been hard because of Covid-19 we have gone to on-line school 2 times. It's hard wearing masks everywhere other than when we are at home or eating. I made a lot of very good friends this year. It's going to be hard to move and leave them.

- Paige Rauckhorst



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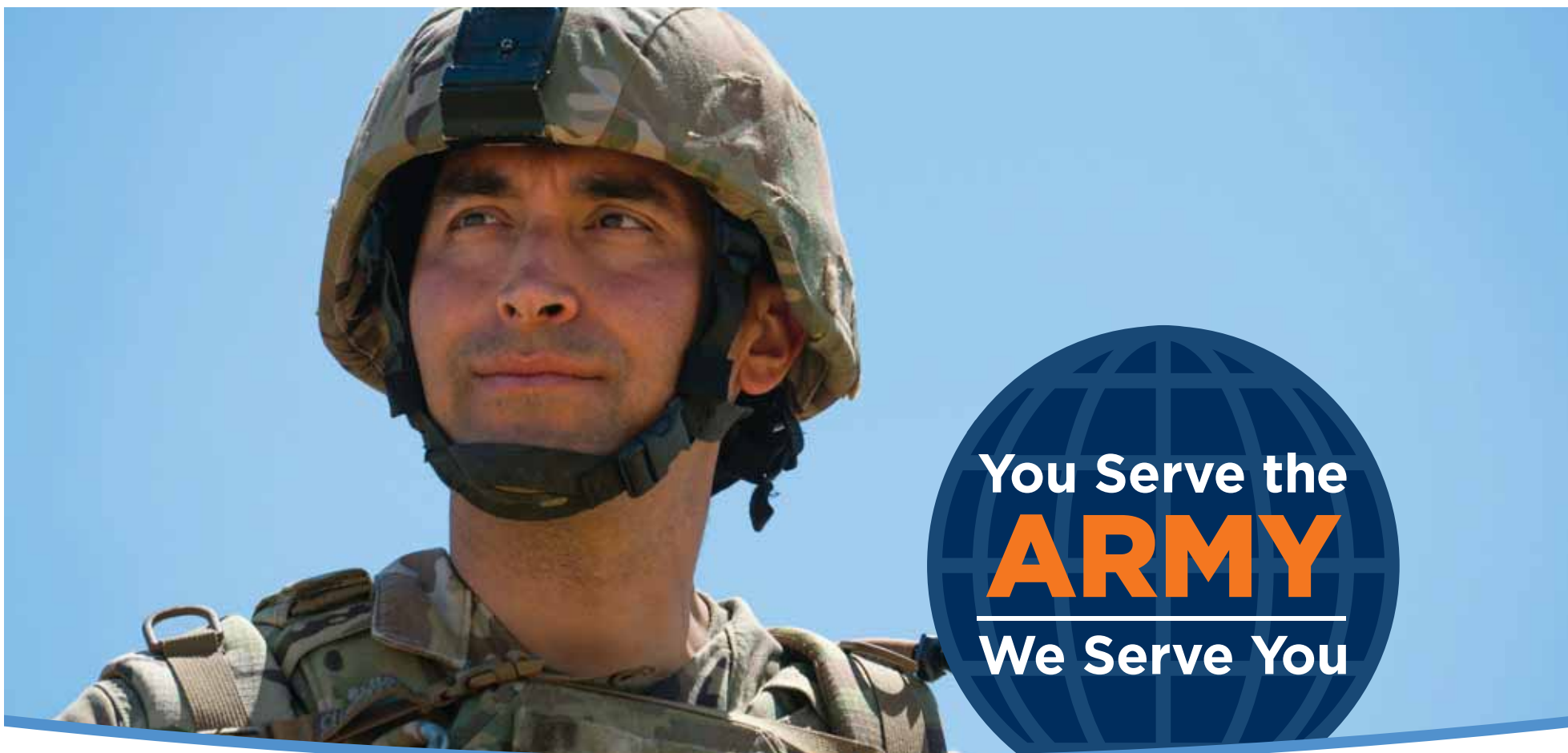
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# Humphreys Middle School

## A new life

(It is a futuristic realistic fiction story.)

Amber Jane Ross was in the car with her dad but they stayed quiet during the ride. Her mind was full and her main thought was "Why would my father leave cooking and join the army?" Her father was very well known and was very respected. He surprised everyone, even herself by quitting his job and joining the military. There were rumors spreading fast as a cheetah that he was doing this so he got more attention. This all changed when he gave the army three million dollars to get battle supplies and trade with allies. He was back to being the respected man he was and he was getting compliments from everyone too. Amber made more friends and was a lot more popular. She had already been popular and had almost everything she wanted but she wasn't the girl you see in some movies or books being very mean and rude. She was still a kind person and had a good heart. She finally got to school and her dad waved her goodbye. She was getting out of the car when Mr. Shaw who was in the army as well said "your father has been a lot of help to the army and he is excellent at many things. Make sure you tell him that I said that." "Yes Mr. Shaw I will when I get home." "Thanks," he said and walked back to his car to go back home. "Are you ever jealous of your dad Amber?" Elliot asked. "Well, to be honest I have been jealous of him a few times because he was so popular and loved." "Ya, I know what you mean Amber, by the way, the last one to the door is a rotten egg!" She giggled and ran off without another word. "Hey!" Amber yelled "Wait up!" She laughed and started to chase her downhill and everything in her mind was blown away. It didn't last very long as class started and she was back to that cramped head and it sucked. They were doing math, one of her favorite subjects. Mrs. Somber asked Elliot what twelve times five was and Elliot answered quickly, as this was reviewing what they had learned the past month. She turned to Amber and asked what twelve times eight was and Amber was so delved into her thoughts that she didn't hear her. "Hello Amber?" she asked. Amber quickly realized that Mrs. Somber asked her a question and she hadn't answered. The whole class looked at her and she felt hot and it wasn't the sun. she plucked up the courage to ask what the question was and that she didn't hear it because she had been in her own thoughts. Mrs. Somber smiled sweetly and repeated the question so she could answer. Amber immediately answered "The product of twelve and eight is ninety-six." Mrs. Somber smiled and told her that it was correct and didn't blame Amber for being delved into her own thoughts. Elliot worriedly glanced at her best friend as for she had been friends for almost seven years and she had never seen her not pay attention. Amber tried to clear her mind and did fairly well but sometimes thoughts got into her mind. She went on with Reading, Social Studies, and P.E. They went to lunch after P.E and Elliot rushed over to Amber and asked "Why have you been ignoring me? I've been trying to ask why you weren't paying attention in class in the morning at math?" Amber sighed. She knew that Elliot would ask her and that was why she was ignoring her. Amber slowly answered "Well, it's just that dad is in the military and he seems upset and more stressed than being a chef." "Oh" Elliot said. "I know what you mean." Amber knew that she was telling the truth because her father did the same thing as her father. Amber asked her if she could talk to Elliot's father and Elliot said he wasn't working so yes But that she wouldn't be there. Amber said thanks and called her dad to say that she was going to be at Elliot's house to talk to her dad. Her father said yes but that she would have to come back before dusk. She went back to lunch and felt more happier. Than they went to recess and did Health. She was back to her normal self and at three o'clock she got out of school and went to Elliot's house. As she said, her dad was on the couch and waiting for her. He said "Elliot said that you wanted to talk to me." Amber said "Yes Mr. Shaw, I wanted to talk to you." "Well then come on over and you can sit down to talk." he said. Thank you sir" she said and sat down on the couch. "I wanted to talk about joining the military. As you know, my father joined and he seems a lot more stressed and upset. Am I just overthinking or is it true?" "Well," he replied, "it is true that it can get frustrating to be in the military because there are a lot of things that you have to do but he could have stayed as a chef and made lots of money. I think your father wants to help the United States. He does not want to be more famous or more popular, he really wants to help the world. Amber understood that he really wanted to do something good for the country and said thank you. She left feeling good that her dad is helping the country and walked home.

- Adrian Kim

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## Crossword

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### ACROSS

- 1 Parade entry
- 5 Idina Menzel's "Frozen" role
- 9 Prefix with manage or wave
- 14 Safe, at sea
- 15 It's out on a limb
- 16 Open, as a jacket
- 17 Unwavering
- 19 Far from fresh
- 20 Huge crowd
- 21 Protected
- 23 Certain believer
- 25 Hitchcock film, "\_\_\_ Window"
- 26 Kitchen cleaner
- 28 Parsley, e.g.
- 32 Fido's foot
- 33 Kind of spray
- 36 "The Divine Comedy" author
- 37 Doohickey
- 39 Big commotions
- 41 Hold on property
- 42 Paparazzi target, briefly
- 44 Yard machine
- 46 Recurrent twitch
- 47 Supersize, say
- 49 Forcible seizure
- 51 Straight, at the bar
- 52 TV, radio, etc.
- 53 Home, to Americans abroad
- 57 Opening words
- 60 Like some tabloid headlines
- 61 Occupation featured in "Six Feet Under"
- 63 Japanese cartoons
- 64 It follows that
- 65 Axis of \_\_\_
- 66 Heron, eg.
- 67 Distort, in a way
- 68 Depend (on)

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- 3 Useless type
- 4 Make numb
- 5 Little toymaker
- 6 Smallest in degree
- 7 Scout's uniform item
- 8 Lingering light
- 9 Frank topper
- 10 Part of I.R.S.
- 11 Captain of industry
- 12 Anger, with "up"
- 13 Pundit's page
- 18 Lower oneself
- 22 Grassy meadow
- 24 Usher's offering
- 26 Nutmeg, e.g.
- 27 Eucharistic plate
- 29 Tagalong's lack
- 30 Ale holder
- 31 Consequently
- 34 Now and then
- 35 Big deal
- 38 In the \_\_\_\_\_ (for now)

- 40 Dried up
- 43 Puppy supplier
- 45 Pie cuts, essentially
- 48 Lots of fun, slangily
- 50 Lobster feature
- 52 Combine
- 53 Picnic dish
- 54 Yellowfin, e.g.
- 55 Like Death Valley
- 56 Unhip sort
- 58 Commuter line
- 59 Nothing but
- 62 Kind of truck

### Answers to Previous Crossword:

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C	R	A	C	K	L	E	S	T	O	P	G
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P	E	R	T		P	E	T	E	R	E	W

## DID YOU KNOW?



Over 20% of South Koreans have the last name Kim. Other common last names are Park and Lee. In South Korea, when someone introduces themselves or is signing a document, they say their last name first.

Hangul of the week

신발  
sinbal (shoes)

## Language Lesson

Are you hungry.

Baegopayo?



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### Honor

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### Network

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## SUDOKU

Difficulty: Medium

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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.

Answers to Previous Sudoku:

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

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