



**Short essays on
“My Life As A Military Child”
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Lily
Kindergarten

Everyday Dad's airplane flies in the sky at my school. I like his airplane because it reminds me of Dad. Thank you airplanes for helping me remember about my Dad. It makes me proud because I love my Dad and my Dad is deployed. I feel awesome because my Dad helps people. I like being a military child because I play military games at my school with my friends. I like living in our big house because I feel safe. Dad watches over us from his airplane. It makes me happy because Dad is in the Air Force. I like the places that we live. I like being a military child- it's awesome!

Bryce
Kindergarten

I do not move at all because I do not like it.

Lakayshia
1st Grade

My name is Lakayshia. I have lived in Georgia and North Carolina. My life is because my dad goes away a lot. I have a lot of friends whose parents are in the military but I am still sad because I miss my dad.

Brayden
2nd Grade

Hi! My name is Brayden. I was born in Germany. My family has moved to Afghanistan and Florida.

Kaleah
4th Grade

Being a military child, I've lived in 3 different places: Omaha, Nebraska; Sacramento, California; and Cheyenne, Wyoming. In Cheyenne, it was my first time living on base. I liked all of the places, but I liked California the best. (We had a cat).

Sarah
10th Grade

My life as a military child always consisted of adapting to my habitat no matter where my family was stationed. One thing the military taught me was to seize the day. Moving from place to place every three years, people come and go, meaning you need to appreciate the days with the people that you have while you have them. While living in Germany, seizing the day was easy. But, seeing my friend's parents deploy and knowing my parents could also deploy any minute made me appreciate my family a lot more. My parents taught me respect and molded my morals from the lives they lived in the military. Just because I am a teenager doesn't mean that the military didn't enter my heart too. Without the military, I would never be the same because though I am apart of the military the military is part of me too.

Katie
9th Grade

My life as a military child has been a long hard journey. I have made many friends, none of whom I will forget. I have had many places to call home, most of which I still do. One of my favorite things about being a military child is knowing so many people who have lived all over the world and can relate to me. It's harder to move as you get older because your friends are closer and you could start having serious relationships. Letting go of friends is hard but one thing you learn early on is that no matter how many friends you leave behind, you will always have your family to lean on. My family has always been there for me, especially my little sister, Tori. No matter what she is always there for me. Being a military may be rough, but I'm glad to be one.

Kayla

7th Grade

Life in the military has had a great impact in my life with good and bad memories associated in the process of my dad's achievements. Many of times my dad has had to leave me and my mom by ourselves for months or even years. Although it was the hardest thing to say goodbye, it has helped me to become a stronger person on the inside and learn to sacrifice by having the ones that I love leave and not knowing if they will return. Also life in the military has impacted me by helping me learn how I need to cherish the time that I have with my loved ones. Life is so precious and can be here one minute but can be taken away from us the next minute. I'm glad to be a part of the military family which has helped me learn many valuable life lessons.

Alysa

2nd Grade

Being a military kid is fun, awesome and cool. It's fun because I've got to make lots of friends. I've lived in two states and I'm only eight years old, that's awesome. It is also tough being a military kid because the friends you make sometimes leave or you have to leave. My mom use to deploy a lot at her base in Illinois, I'm glad we moved here so she doesn't have to leave all the time. Not seeing my mommy at night sometimes makes it tough too. But I love being an Air Force kid.

Ambr

3rd Grade

My life is different, yours may not be.
I see things kids should not have to see.
Living so far away, I still see him in the front of my mind.
I know he's away protecting mankind.
The days feel so lonely without him,
And sadness fills my heart to the rim.
Really needing his strong embrace,
Yet I'm not even able to see his face.
Crying at night until my eyes are nearly drowned,
Hoping like crazy he comes home safe and sound.
It takes massive strength to be a military kid,
Living life each day trying not to flip my lid.
Dad, I love you and I miss you when you are gone.

Nicholas

Kindergarten

One of the best things about being a military child is that not only is my dad my hero, he is a hero for the whole country. He is deployed right now and I miss him very much. I love living in new places and seeing new things (I've learned that deer and antelope look alike); but I miss seeing my family in Mississippi. I am glad that my mom just told me that I do not have to go to military school just because I'm a military child! I can wait until I grow up. I want to be a pilot in the Marines so I can fly airplanes.

Samantha

1st Grade

Life as a military child is amazing because I get to spend time with my mom a little but the sad thing is that sometimes my mom has to leave in the early morning to do her work but I am proud of her.

If I were a commander I will work until I am 16 and that is 9 ½ years from now. And that is a very long time from now and I'm only 7 ½. And if I were the boss of my mom I would let her off for three summers that is only nine months and 3 years. Then I would let her spend time with her family. And the best part is that I'm part of her family so she will work, work, work to get a day off. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday she has to go to the gym. Some nights she stays with us and spends some time with my sister and I.

Brianna

3rd Grade

Life in the military has its challenges, but also opportunities. The challenge is starting over in a new school, town, or new country; leaving friends and familiar places. An opportunity being a military child IS making new friends and seeing new places. For example, at FE Warren, AFB I've made a lot of new friends at my school and have visited two different states so far! A cool part of this life is all the fun stuff that you can do that is offered on base. I've learn how to ski, use a pottery wheel, and karate. There are all sorts of fun things a kid can do on the base. I like being a military child because there are many opportunities available to me to meet new people and experience new places and activities.

Tori

7th Grade

My life as a military child is okay. I don't like all the moving and making new friends. A plus though, is that you have many more friends. I wish that we didn't have to move so much and that we could just stay in one place for a while. My life as a military child is fun. We have lots of fun stuff to do on base and we get to play most sports on base. I like all the activities we get to do and all the parks that are all over the bases. The part I hate the most about being a military child, is that you don't get to see your parents when they deploy. You don't get to see them for a while and you never really get used to it. I hate that part the most. That is my life as a military child.

Casey
6th Grade

My life as a military child is spectacular. It's spectacular because it gives me a chance to meet new people and visit new places. Being a military child can also be difficult. The reason why it can be difficult is because you have to leave your friends behind.

Three places I've been stationed at are Louisiana, Italy, and Wyoming. To this day I still live in Wyoming. Some of the places I got to visit while I was in Italy are Croatia, Switzerland, Pompeii, Rome, Venice, and the leaning tower of Pisa. In Pompeii I got to see Mt. Vesuvius. Gelato was a type of ice cream I enjoyed. When I was overseas I learned a language which is called Italian.

The school I go to is Freedom Elementary. Things I enjoy are swimming, and playing Basketball. That's my life as a military child.

Rebekah
7th Grade

Throughout my short life I've been spoiled with many things and that is because of the money my dad earns through being a pilot, I've been many places like England, the Canary Islands, Switzerland, Florida, Washington State, California, Alabama, New Mexico, Colorado, and here, Cheyenne Wyoming. My mom is also able to enjoy time with the her spouse club and can work at the base library to have experience for her hope for one day becoming a librarian. I can also sign up for a scholarship for Space Camp and do all the activities that the base has to offer like for example there is this contest, also, my dad working at the base has lead to new friendships and responsibility for things like the American Red Cross Association which allows me to babysit for extra cash so life is good as a military child.

Amarra
4th Grade

The Deployment Episode

"Don't go!" I scream. But the door already shut before I could finish my sentence.

"I can't believe he is gone." Said my mom.

"Can we make pillows with dads face on it?" said my sister Lise.

"I guess" Sighed mom. 30 minutes passed.

"Done!" Said my mom trying to sound happy.

That night I held that pillow tight. A steady stream of tears trickled down my face. The next 2 ½ days went slow like a snail. My mom just got off the phone with my deployed dad.

"Guess what? Smiled mom. "Dad is going to be back in 16 days!"

I thought to myself, "I can't wait 16 days. I could barely bare a day without him."

5 days, 10 days, finally 16 days passed! That day I was waiting at the door like a puppy.

creek! The door opened. And there stood my dad.

Michael
5th Grade

Sometimes I feel like my dad is deployed more than he is home. I wish that my Dad would be home more. When my dad and I play board games I get kind of bored, but when he is deployed, I wish that we could be playing those board games.

He is going to Afghanistan. I think...why is Dad deployed anyway? Is he in the Navy for money, for pleasure? Or just to help? Why does he want to do this stuff instead of having a regular job?

I live in Cheyenne. When we drive from Cheyenne to Omaha to move out of the house where I used to live it takes a very long time, about 10 hours. But I would rather do that 10 hour drive every day than him be gone for 10 months.

I wish my dad was home more.