

What It Means to be A Military Kid

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When I think of my experiences as a military kid, I envision opportunity to lead an interesting, different life. As “military brats” will tell you, we experience frequent moves, parents are deployed occasionally and you have to make new friends. On a more positive thought, we get to travel to famous places, try new foods, meet diverse people and see more of the world. In my opinion, I think being a military kid is cool.

Now some people could propose that being a military kid is quite different from their lives. This is not always the case. When you are a military kid, your life is normal to you. For example, military kids could relate to one another about moving. I normally have mixed emotions about moving to a new place. Sometimes we will feel sad, annoyed, mad, and other negative feelings but moving may also bring good things. Some of these positive things could include meeting diverse people, going to a different school, moving into a new house and trying unfamiliar activities.

When I moved to Europe from Washington State, it was a difficult and big change at first. Now I love living here. Every change has to take some time to get used to. Moving to Europe brought me so much. I traveled to Paris, London, Italy, Spain, and so many more places all because my family and I had the opportunity to move to Europe. Due to COVID-19, I have not been able to travel or do as much, but I can still do so many other fun things. I hangout with my friends and family, I play piano and I make art at school. I have met so many great people along the journey of being a military kid. I met my best friend here in Germany as well as a really great piano instructor and some great teachers at school.

The military community is very inviting. When I first moved to Europe, I felt welcomed. When I moved into my house on base, I made several friends in the first few days after our arrival. My parents also have a large group of new friends. On the topic of helpful, our neighbors always lend a hand to assist people especially when they move on base. This is probably why I felt so welcomed in my neighborhood.

Overall, being a military kid is great. I could not imagine my life another way. I am very honored to be a military kid I am sure other military kids could agree with me.