Month of the Military Child

Purple Up on Thursday, April 15 & Military Brats Day on Friday April 30

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What is a military “brat”?

A child of a U.S. military member or veteran, usually one who has experience moving from place to place as well as understand the meaning of sacrifice and discipline.
Why The Color Purple?

Purple was chosen because it symbolizes all branches of the military, a combination of Army Green, Air Force Blue, Coast Guard Blue, Marine Red, and Navy Blue.
UCF Military Dependents aka “Brats”:

As of Fall 2021 Semester approximately 1,270 Dependents using GI Bill Educational Benefits.

This includes Chapter 33 – Post 9/11 and Chapter 35 – Dependent Educational Assistance (DEA)
I AM RESILIENT
I AM RESOLUTE
I AM RELENTLESS
I AM A MILITARY CHILD

Just like dandelions, military “brats” blossom wherever they land. The Exchange salutes their fearless spirit. April is the Month of the Military Child: dedicated to celebrating our youngest Heroes - Our dandelions whose service and sacrifices make the Warfighter’s mission and focus possible.
Facts about Military Brats

Fact #1:
The term “BRAT” could’ve been an acronym for British Regiment Attached Traveler, according to the U.S. Department of Defense. Otherwise, the word’s origin is a mystery with a few other theories.
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Fact #2:
Approximately 2 million military children have experienced a parental deployment since 2001
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Fact #3: The average military family moves 3x more often than civilians.
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Fact #4: Nearly 80 percent of military children attend public school throughout the U.S.
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Fact #5:
Research has consistently shown military children tend to be more disciplined than their civilian peers—they also often mirror the values, ideals, and attitudes of their parents more closely than children of civilians.
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Fact #6: Because military brats are constantly making new friends to replace the ones that they lost, they are often more outgoing and independent.
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Fact #7: Military children are more likely to have a college degree and are more likely to have and advanced degree.
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Fact #8:
Over 80 percent of children raised in military families now speak at least one language other than English—14 percent speak three or more languages.
For Further Reading and More Information:

- Military Life: 20 Important Facts about Military Brats (Backed up by Research)
- AASA, The School Superintendents Association: Fact Sheet On The Military Child
- US Department of Defense: “Military Brat:” Do You Know Where The Term Comes From”
- Insitute for Veterans and Military Families