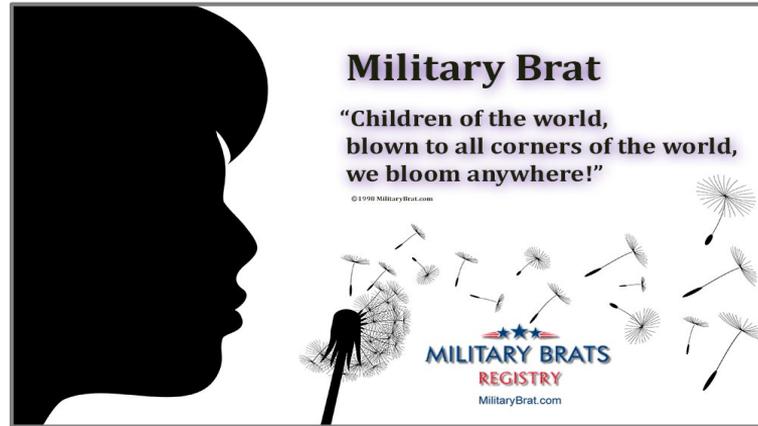


Month of the Military Child

*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 bec ause it symbolizes all brachnes 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.



Facts about Military Brats

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MILLION

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.

Core Values **Duty • Honor • Country**

- **Army:** Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, Personal Courage
- **Navy and Marine Corps:** Honor, Courage, Commitment
- **Air Force:** Integrity, Service before Self, Excellence
- **Coast Guard:** Honor, Respect, Devotion to Duty



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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 an advanced degree



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”*
- *Military Benefits: National Military Brats Day*
- *Insitute for Veterans and Military Families*

