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“Young Lives, Big Stories”

Hi, my name is Maliza and I am 12yrs old and I'm a military brat (child). Being a military child can be rough and challenging at times but it's worth it. It can be challenging at times with school, traveling, and deployment. But let's start off with school, being in school can sometimes be hard because you can get judged for maybe the way you look or maybe the way you act because of where you came from. But overall coming from a new school can sometimes be exciting because you get to meet new people and make new friends. The hardest part of being a military brat is when you are in school and when you make new friends and months, or a year later you must leave them. Another advantage of being a military child is traveling. Traveling can be fun and exciting at many time's, but it can also be dangerous. It can be dangerous because your parents have to drive long distances in the United States which it makes it easier to get in a car accident. Traveling to different country can also be dangerous because you have to follow that country's specific laws. Traveling can also be fun because you stop through different states that you never been to and you can site see. It could also be fun because while visiting you could try new foods and buy sliver nears to cherish the experience. One of the most difficult parts of being a military brat is your parents being deployed. This is one of the hardest parts of being a military child. I constantly questioned; will my dad be safe? will he be here for my birthday? will I ever get to see him again? Another thing I was worried about was that my dad might not have the chance to facetime me or email me because he was busy. My biggest fear of deployment was that my dad might not come back home. Honestly being a military brat is overwhelming but exciting at the same time. This was my story of being a military child.