**MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH**

During the month of May, the United States honors, remembers, recognizes and appreciates all military personnel, currently and formerly serving, and their families.

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**The Five Branches of U.S. Military Service**

- United States Army
- United States Navy
- United States Air Force
- United States Marine Corps
- United States Coast Guard

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**What’s a “military brat?”**

The children of a parent or parents serving full-time in the United States Armed Forces are sometimes referred to as “military brats.” Research has shown that most current and former military brats like the term; however, outside of the military world, the term can sometimes be misunderstood, where the word “brat” is often pejorative. The military brat lifestyle typically involves moving to new states or countries many times while growing up, as the child’s military family is customarily transferred to new non-combat assignments. Military brats move an average of 10 times while growing up, and some have moved as many as 36 times. These frequent moves, exposure to different cultures and languages and immersion in military customs are all common, life-defining experiences in the military brat subculture.

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**Important Celebration Days in May**

- Loyalty Day (May 1st)
- Military Spouse Appreciation Day (May 6th)
- VE Day (May 8th)
- Armed Forces Day (May 21st)
- Memorial Day (May 30th)

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