

MILITARY KIDS ARE SUPER

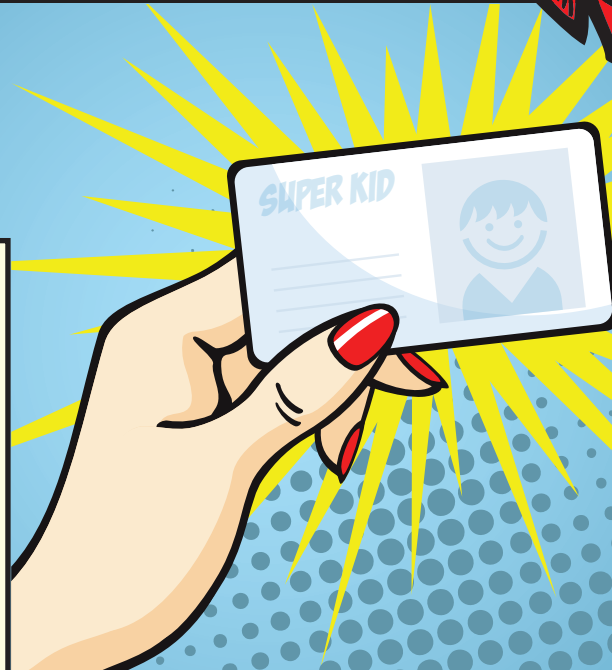
MILITARY CHILDREN FACE UNIQUE CHALLENGES, AND IT WOULD BE EASY TO THINK THEY'RE WORSE OFF THAN THEIR CIVILIAN COUNTERPARTS. BUT RESEARCH SHOWS MILITARY KIDS ARE EXCEPTIONAL IN MANY WAYS. IN FACT, THEY'RE PRETTY SUPER.

MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

For military children, turning 10 is bigger than a themed birthday party. It's when they get their military ID card.

BADGE OF HONOR

MILITARY FAMILIES KNOW THAT THEIR SERVICE MEMBER MIGHT BE KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY, BUT THEY ACCEPT THAT RISK. THEY UNDERSTAND THE VALUES OF DUTY, HONOR & COUNTRY. THE MILITARY BRAT SHARES THE MISSION WITH THEIR MILITARY PARENT.



Military kids are under more scrutiny than their civilian peers because they are held to certain military codes of conduct & rules.



Adolescents in military families tend to take on more household responsibilities during a parent's deployment.

80%

of military children attend public schools throughout the United States.

ALTER EGO

THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE 1.2 MILLION CHILDREN OF SERVICE MEMBERS DON'T GO TO DOD SCHOOLS. BUT THEY DO PLAY SPORTS, JOIN CLUBS AND MIGHT EVEN GO TO SCHOOL IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD. AND THERE ARE OVER 700,000 NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE KIDS WHO WILL PROBABLY NEVER LIVE NEAR A MILITARY INSTALLATION.

SUPER INTELLIGENCE

MILITARY BRATS HAVE LOWER DELINQUENCY RATES, HIGHER ACHIEVEMENT SCORES ON STANDARDIZED TESTS, AND HIGHER MEDIAN IQS THAN THEIR CIVILIAN COUNTERPARTS.

They are more likely to have a college degree & possess an advanced degree.



81 percent of adults raised in the Army spoke one or more languages other than English as children.

BRAVERY

LOSS OF A MILITARY PARENT IS A POSSIBILITY THAT CONSTANTLY HANGS OVER MILITARY FAMILIES, A UNIQUE CHILDHOOD BURDEN FOR MILITARY KIDS. THAT TAKES MORE THAN A LITTLE COURAGE TO FACE EVERY DAY.



Military kids demonstrate an increased level of independence.



Military brats graduate from college at a higher rate than civilian population.



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