



# A Dual Military Family in Action

A testament to making a dual-military family work, Battalion Commander, LTC Lu Wilson, and her husband, LTC Ty Wilson, Equal Opportunity and Sexual Harassment/ Assault Response Prevention (SHARP) Program Manager, have four children under the age of 10. Recently relocated to Fort Carson, Lu and Ty are excited to be in a town that they feel “really embraces their military.”

“My dad was in the Air Force, but we weren’t on the move like other families. Ty’s father was a career Army Officer, and his mother always said, ‘33 years and 28 moves,’” shared Lu.

they were fortunate enough to bring their nanny from El Paso and have some of their friends from the last station relocate to Fort Carson as well, so the children still have the same friends and adults in their lives. “I also have family here, so their routine and lives are mostly the same.”

Lu was selected for a black book assignment this summer in the Washington, D.C., area so this will be the second move that her children will remember. “We will move this summer, and I anticipate that it will be a lot different for the kids as they are now at a stage of consciousness. They won’t get to take their friends and their tree house with them to the

next station. It will be good, but the city effect will be new and a little bit more challenging,” said Lu.

Military and veteran-connected children are inherently resilient.

Their changing environments create unique experiences within diverse cultures. “I feel like kids will respond to their environments. They will follow the lead of their parents. If we are hypersensitive and challenged by the circumstance, our children will be. If we get in stride and normalize the transition as much as possible, they will get in step,” Lu illustrated. She looks forward to the opportunity for her children to be “city kids” in the nation’s capital, as the majority of their lives they have resided in the South. “They have a healthy appreciation for hiking and exploring, but what will be really exceptional in their formative little brains is that

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With several moves already under their belts, Lu and Ty’s children haven’t been greatly impacted thus far because of their ages. “My kids are so little that they haven’t been fully aware of the changes. This last move was the first move that they can remember,” explained Lu. She went on to share that

they will be immersed in American culture and history. We can jump on public transit and go to the Smithsonian or the Capitol.” Lu continued, “They will really become true citizens and start understanding why we hold American values dear and why we are military servants.”

