



MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

Meet Calvin: GRIT AND HARDINESS IN ACTION

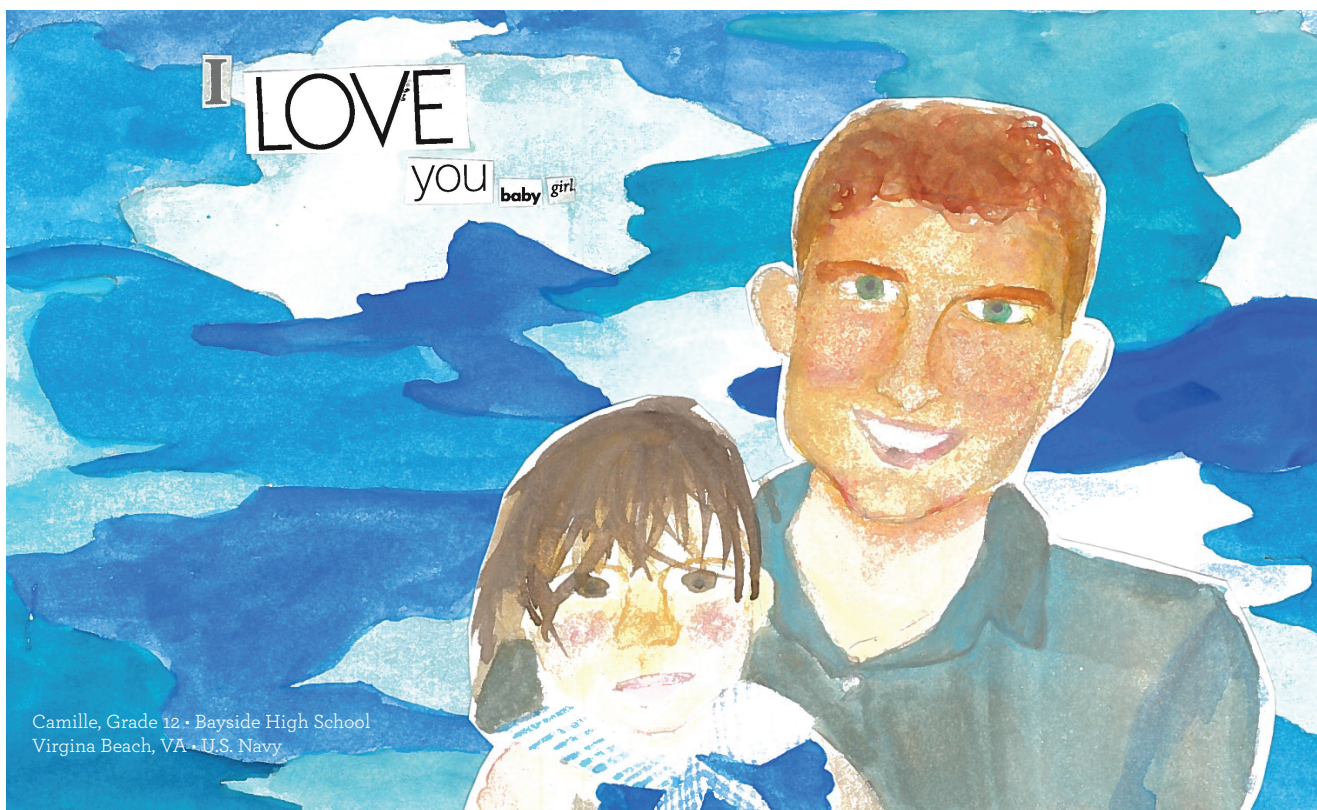
Calvin's dad has been a Marine for 26 years. Calvin spent 5th grade in North Carolina, 6th grade in Korea, 7th grade in Pennsylvania, and 8th grade in Hawaii; in total his family has experienced 13 moves. Calvin has been diagnosed with Dyslexia and Dysgraphia which makes moving academically challenging. His mom acknowledged, "It is very stressful. His school has an individual education plan and they do their best on his behalf." She continued, "His growth in the last year has been tremendous, but he's about to move again and I hope he doesn't take a step back."

Calvin loves being a military kid. "I like seeing how other people function differently. It gives me a different perspective and opens a door to a whole other world," said Calvin. He

finds moving difficult because, as soon as he gets used to a place, he has to leave again. Looking for the positive, Calvin adds, "My family is a big supporter and I put my energy and focus into excelling in soccer."

Calvin currently lives in Hawaii and has both civilian and military-connected friends. Noting the differences, Calvin said, "My friends don't move around as much as me. The most one of my friends has moved is 3 times." He enjoys the diversity of his friends, sharing that one kid is "definitely from Texas, you can hear the southern accent!"

Calvin is looking forward to graduating high school and going to college. His spirit is indomitable and reflects the grit and hardiness so often seen in military kids.



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