Determination develops from resolve and purpose and is a characteristic of many military children.

Jennifer is an active sophomore in high school whose father is in the Marine Corps. She enjoys playing soccer and basketball for her school, and in her free time she enjoys surfing, paddle boarding, and hiking. Jennifer volunteers at a local home for the disabled and as a result has seen firsthand how much the nurses mean to the patients. For this reason, Jennifer plans to pursue a career as a health professional in the military to serve her nation and help people.

Jennifer likes being a military child because of the memories and experiences she has had. “Even though it may be tough sometimes, it is overall a good life,” she shared. Jennifer has many support systems in place including her family, friends, teachers, and coaches, but life as a military child can still be challenging. “What I find challenging about being a military child is losing friendships and not having my father around most of the time,” shared Jennifer. She continued, “What I love about being a military child is being able to experience different places and cultures, meet interesting people, and get to know different ways of life.”

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Jennifer has moved three times and shared that she has access to many resources to help her with any challenges she may have. After high school, Jennifer plans on attending college and pursuing a career in the medical field.