

★ Military Brat Day ★

Colby, Grade 5
Liza Jackson Preparatory School
Hurlburt Field, FL • U.S. Air Force

Veteran's Day, Military Spouse Day, but what about the kids? We have holidays that recognize the sacrifice of military service men and women. We even have holidays to appreciate the military spouses that support them. We should also honor the brave military kids who sacrifice to support their military parents. We can honor these kids with *Military Brat Day*.

People outside the military appreciate all the sacrifices military members make because they are willing to give their all for America. But, most people don't think of the sacrifices military kids make. Military kids go through many hardships including sacrificing time with their parents when they are deployed and moving away from friends every few years.

Military Brat Day would honor the service of the military kids with awesome food! The aroma of all the different foods would make your mouth water. On this holiday, kids from all over the world would celebrate by eating, playing, and having a blast! We get to try "Meals Ready to Eat," which are meals

that are already prepared and military members eat them when they are at war. We also get to eat all different foods from all different cultures. Yum!

There are also colors that correspond with Military Brat Day. The colors are red, white, and blue. These are the colors of the U.S. flag. The red stands for the blood that was shed making America free. Blue stands for justice and freedom. The white stands for purity.

The customs for Military Brat Day are fun-filled and action-packed. We get to have parades with kids on floats that could look like planes or tanks. We celebrate Military Brat Day on September 2nd because that was a very happy day. It was the day World War II ended.

I can picture it clearly. As I walk down the street, it is September 2nd. Instead of a regular old school day, I see people trying new food, the streets coming alive in parades and people wearing red, white, and blue. This is what it would be like if we have Military Brat Day!



By Elizabeth, Grade 10 • Ramey School, Aguadilla, Puerto Rico • U.S. Army