

One of the toughest jobs in the military is being a military kid!

Growing up "brat" can be exciting! It can also be tough, for reasons not always readily apparent. Mobility, deployment, the culture shock of returning "home" from an overseas assignment, even the racial confusion some children feel - let alone death and injury - can take its toll. And the effects can last a lifetime - for good or ill.

It takes an astute adult to see beyond a brat's tough exterior. That's where Brats Without Borders comes in. We're a nonprofit organization founded by brats, for brats. We offer programs and resources to lower the risk of brats becoming invisible casualties of war. Whether a brat is 8 or 80, Brats Without Borders is there to listen, provide support, and advocate on their behalf.

Because we know a little understanding goes a very long way!



A military family in Germany spends the day celebrating the "Good and the Grief" of being a brat!

"... words are incapable of expressing my true gratitude for the emotional peace your film has brought me..."
- Ann Williams Archer

"My father watched without saying a word and at the end he quietly said 'wow'..."
- Tony Batakis

"If only we could have talked about it when we were actually children..."
- Catherine Guedalia



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Raising Awareness

Since 1999, Brats Without Borders has been studying and supporting current and adult Military Brats and "Third Culture Kids" (children raised in multiple countries). In film screenings, town-hall meetings, and questionnaires, thousands of brats and TCKs of all ages, races, and branches of service have told us what they want, what they feel, and what they need. (Resulting in the largest qualitative database to date on growing up brat.) Now, we're passing on what we've learned, so this generation doesn't fall through the cracks... so they're better prepared to build on their strengths and face the challenges... so they understand that they're *not* alone, they *do* belong, and their service and sacrifices *are* appreciated.

Developing Resources

People learn in different ways. Some like movies, others books, even more prefer face-to-face conversations. That's why Brats Without Borders offers a plethora of resources for brats, their parents, and professionals to help them be "the best that they can be." Here are just a few:

- 🎬 **"BRATS: Our Journey Home"** - award-winning documentary, narrated by Kris Kristofferson, directed by Army brat Donna Musil, featuring General Norman Schwarzkopf
- 📖 **The Military Brat Library** - one-of-a-kind collection of books/films celebrating and exploring the lives of brats and TCKs
- 🎓 **BRATS Workshops™ for Adults/Teens** - training sessions on "being a brat" for parents and professionals and transitioning out of the system or home from overseas for teens
- 👕 Our famous **"I'm a BRAT!" Buttons**
- 📚 And much more, including the upcoming **BRATS Curriculum™!**

Preparing Families

Not all children are resilient. They're survivors, sure, but that doesn't mean they're not hurting or don't need your guidance. Even if they're making straight A's or a boatload of money as an adult. What you see on the outside is not always what they feel on the inside. Most military/TCK-connected parents did *not* grow up that way. If you think the stresses of military life and moving are tough on an adult, imagine navigating those challenges while your brain is still forming! And the challenges don't stop when a child loses their I.D. card - some are just beginning. Brats Without Borders knows what brats and TCKs are feeling. We provide programs, resources, and training based on over 100 years of brat/TCK experiences.

"B.R.A.T." is not a bad word!

It's an historic, time-honored reference to military children based on the acronym "British Regimental Attached Traveler."

There are currently 2 million "active duty" brats. An estimated 5% or 15 million Americans are adult military brats.



Our Mission

To help military brats and third culture kids **thrive, not just survive!** To accomplish this mission, we provide research, training, and resources that: (1) encourages a sense of community among brats/TCKs; (2) celebrates their collective history and contributions; (3) examines the gifts and challenges of their unique subculture; (4) acknowledges their service and sacrifice; and (5) advocates on their behalf!

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