"Walk This Way"

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Have you ever heard the expression "Walk a while in my shoes"? This will help you understand what military youth have to deal with. INSTRUCTIONS: Find someone who has personally experienced these situations. Have them put their initials in the box that they can relate to. The first person to get a "bingo" gets a prize.

…enjoyed some good times with others who share your experiences?	…had to go stay with other family or friends for a year while both your parents are gone?	…had to take on additional responsibilities as the "man or woman of the house" because your mom or dad is gone?	…experienced anger over having to quit your school sports team or squad because you had to move to a different school while your parent is away?	…known the sadness of leaving the comfort and stability of your friends to go to a strange new place and have to start the process all over again?
…had to sell your house, pack, and move with no one to help your parent but you and maybe brothers/sisters?	…known the joy of doing things on the "spur of the moment" because no one has a schedule to keep?	…had a sibling, or yourself, tested for a serious disease which meant one parent had to handle the burden because the other parent is gone and there's no other family nearby?	…found out that your parent had to sell their business because their tour of duty was extended again?	…found out that your parent had to team up with another family with children because there is not enough money to go around?
…listened to taped bedtime stories from your parent because your parent is away for an unknown amount of time?	…watched your Mom or Dad trying to make ends meet when spouse has part of the money overseas?	*FREE SPACE* *OMK CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE*	…experienced the anxiety of moving multiple times in as many years and never starting the new school at the beginning of the year?	…felt angry because you wanted to spend time with your parent who is home on "R and R" but knowing your other parent needs time alone with them too after a lengthy separation?
…realized that life at home is morphing into something different and worried about how you and your returning parent will transition back into everyday life with the rest of the family?	…had no communication with your parent for weeks, while knowing that his or her location is very dangerous?	…gotten a letter from your parent/ loved one that he/ she is in the hospital overseas, but without any details as to why?	…known the loneliness of spend-ing a year or longer celebrating holidays without a parent?	…had to do all the yard work and housework by yourself?
…had to deal with your family having a sudden major reversal of income?	…feared your parent will be a stranger to you because they've missed so many major milestones?	…felt the sense of accomplishment after completing a major task typically done by your parent such as buying groceries or paying bills?	…dreaded the sight of reporters because you "heard it first" on national news, but only got enough details to make you "fear the worst"?	…feared losing the independence you've gained upon your parent's return, after having so much responsibility or spending so much time on your own?