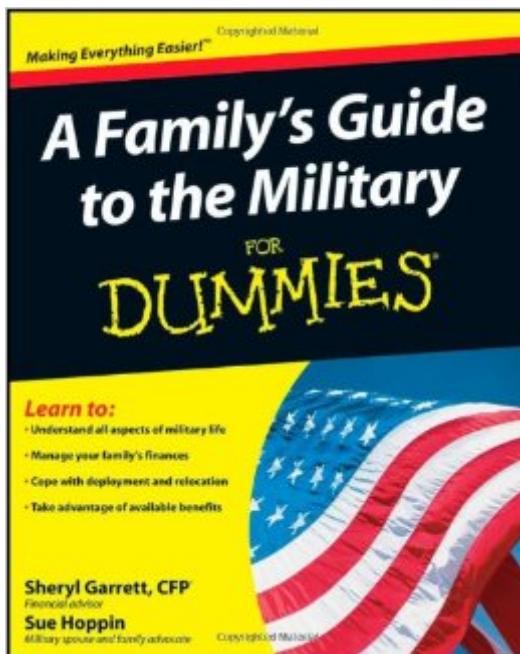


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# A Family's Guide To The Military For Dummies



## **Synopsis**

Expert advice on all aspects of military life A Family's Guide to the Military For Dummies is for the millions of military dependents, family members, and friends who are looking for straightforward guidance to take advantage of the benefits and overcome the challenges unique to life in the military. This comprehensive guide covers such key topics as introducing military life to readers new to the armed forces, financial planning, relocation, deployment, raising kids alone while a partner is away, and taking advantage of the available benefits. It offers tips and advice for dealing with emotions that surround events like deployments, deciphering the acronyms used in daily military life, forming support groups, keeping track of a loved one's whereabouts, and surviving on a military base in a foreign country.

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## **Customer Reviews**

As military wife of many many years, and the very proud mother of a former soldier, this book really hit the important points. For a "newbie", I'd highly recommend it as a great starting point, as a reference to finding the information you need and places to get more information. Sue doesn't try to be all things to everyone, she gives a choice of links/hints and educates on some of the finer points that are often forgotten or never told to the newest members of this little world. Believe it or not, there are still "teas" and "balls" and dining ins/dining outs - all of which have their rules, and if you flub that one, your servicemember WILL hear about it later. Knowing that information in the military is often changeable, and fluid, she give you links to find out those important things, pay, BAH, etc. Sue "translates" the jargon, she reminds you of the "little things" that are sometimes overwhelmed by the

day to day life of a deployment, or training. This book doesn't sugarcoat our lives, doesn't wave the flag or denigrate the service, which is all too common in books about the military life. There is no judgment, no placing the military on a pedestal or dragging it through the mud - but her pride in this lifestyle shines through.

This book is a must have for military spouses. I am a career counselor for military spouses and I recommended the book to all my clients. It is just packed with resources on dealing with deployment, navigating your career, and understanding all the resources that are out there for military wives and families. The book is a great value and I highly recommend it!Krista Wells[...]

I'm still in the first half of the book but so far I love it! It's very informative and provides detailed explanations of things. This is actually the second book that I purchased because the first one had touched base on all the topics but it was not nearly enough detail that I was looking for. My husband shipped out for BMT a week ago and I wanted to get a good handle on things before I go see him graduate as well as before we move and I really feel that this book is doing it for me.

I have been a military wife for over four years now and I love this book!!!!!!!!!!!!!! It would be a great gift for new military wives and new military!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Just over all a great read :)

Sue Hoppin hits the ultimate mark with her book "A Military Family Guide for Dummies". As a military spouse and Gateway Talent Management and Corporate Development Manager for the "Military Spouse CorporateCareer Network" (MSCCN), I know first hand that job readiness can only be accomplished when a military member and their families have control over their military life. Sue Hoppin takes the military member completely through the military life cycle in her book, something most "military-minded" books never do. This book is absolutely complete! For instance in Chapter 11 of the Military Family Guide for Dummies, Sue Hoppin provides resources and guidance which assists job seeking military applicants maneuver the many pitfalls of a job search, and maps out meaningful real life employment solutions for military families stretched to the max due to multiple deployments. Once the military life is managed - a job search can be organized in short order. The MSCCN recommends this book to ALL military members and corporations alike when trying to understand the nuances of military life, job readiness and force protection at it's best.Kate Midden, MSCCN

My husband/airman is going to basic training this spring. I decided to educate myself and making sure I could utilize all benefits available to our family. This book is very informative. I definitely suggested to all spouses, especially those with no military background.

I grew up with both of my parents being career Army and have now joined myself. This book offers indispensable information- even things my parents didn't know after 30+ years of service! There are great overviews that explain military customs, benefits, how and why to get a power of attorney, etc. It is definitely worth the \$13 list price.

I bought this because my son is in the Military. And, because I do not understand many of the "military" ways, because this is a first experience. I thought it would explain, for example, Ranger School, the expectations, the various sections of the school, also recommendations for what to mail to the "students." I was looking for some information that would help me to better understand what an officer went through through various training.... This book is really for "enlisted" families, and is a guide to help them choose insurance, make out a will, etc. etc.

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