

“BRATS” Reviews

“All I can say is ‘wow.’ Thank you so much for opening my eyes. I only hope that every military member has the chance to see this film and realizes how special their families are. Semper Fidelis!”

- MSgt. Michael A. Bovo, Camp Fallujah, Iraq

“I wish every Command in the U.S. Joint Forces would obtain a copy of your documentary and show it to the command and their families...”

- J. Davis, Navy Wife

Military

“I was so touched. Having served most of my adult life on active duty in the Marine Corps, and being the father of two wonderful young women... I really didn’t appreciate the impact of all those moves on our children.”

- Maj. Gen. USMC (Ret.) J. M. Myatt

President/CEO, Marines’ Memorial Association

“I was very touched... hats off to all who put the BRATS documentary together!”

- General Everett Odgers, USAF (Ret.)

“My Lakenheath library showed it at their ‘Late Night at the Library’ program and folks loved it! It has been circulating ever since.”

- Melinda Mosley, USAFE Librarian

“... illuminating, exciting, and courageous... BRATS explores this generations’ ‘silent crisis’ - why so many children are sad and confused while appearing to be tough, cheerful and confident... Parents and teachers everywhere should be exposed to this material. It is a beacon of hope and a gift to all of us.”

- Marlene Knudson, Retired DoDDS Principal and Teacher

“No other documentary better depicts the social and psychological impact on children and adolescents at the intersection of two powerful social institutions - the military and the family.”

- Morten G. Ender, Ph.D.,
Sociology Program
Director, West Point

Educators

“... historically significant and important... nothing like it exists...”

- Tom Drysdale, Retired Deputy Director,
DoDDS, Founder, American Overseas
Schools Historical Society

“After 21 years [of teaching military children]... your documentary made quite an impact... I will be sharing it with our 8th graders here at Ft. Bragg.”

- Cynthia Vargo, DDESS Teacher

“Watching BRATS is one of the best four steps you can take to become more effective with the military community...”

- Marty McCarty, Executive Director,
Military Community Youth Ministries

Clergy

“As a career Air Force chaplain and the proud dad of two military BRATS, I unequivocally recommend ‘BRATS: Our Journey Home.’ This touching, powerful, and exceptionally well-crafted film chronicles the lives, experiences and hearts of military kids and families. I was astounded by the frequency with which I saw my family in this film. I wish I had seen it as a young captain! I’m giving [my son, an Air Force dad] a copy of this film because I am 100% convinced that it will benefit their marriage and family.”

- Stephen L. Frick, Chaplain, Colonel, USAF (Ret.)

“... a great resource to use with adult leaders in youth ministry. Each time I show it heads in the room nod in agreement.”

- Mark Moitoza, Director of Youth Ministry,
Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA

“I deeply appreciate the care and candor that went into the BRATS documentary. I am the director of an organization that works with military kids in Europe and Asia... and use it to train my staff. Thanks for helping people understand and notice.”

- Jeff Campbell, Director,
Malachi Ministries/
Cadence International

“Wonderful!
Excellent!”

And inspiring!”
- Tom Watson, MA, LAPC,
Atlanta, GA

Counselors

“Bravo! It is even more beautifully done than I imagined. I shared my copy with my psychologist who is an Army brat and we then discussed it at length. He couldn’t get over the issues that were brought up that he too had never considered had an impact on his life. I felt like I was his shrink that day!”

- Carol Chandler, Air Force Brat, Pittsburgh, PA

“The Deputy Chief of Social Work showed the film for training. Everyone loved it and some people were really moved by it. We are ordering more copies for our Therapeutic Parenting Classes.”

- Kimberly S. Bayes,
MSSW, LCSW, FAP
Social Worker
Ft. Hood, TX

“... a provocative film that unites those with a common experience they might not even know they share... also a poignant reminder of the universal human need for continuity of relationship and a sense of belonging...”

- Rachel Tova Winer, Ph.D., Clinical Psychologist, Rice University