

Brats on “BRATS”

“Your film moved me a great deal... and will be a great help to military brats who are growing up today... You did all of us a great service...”

- Pat Conroy, Author, *The Great Santini*, *The Prince of Tides*

“... prepare to be catapulted across time and lost in thought in the most fundamental of ways... ought to be required viewing by any brat (and their parents) before they leave high school...”

- Bill Kirk

“They won't appreciate it at the time, but hopefully they will remember the gist of it later in life when they need it.”

- William McLuskie

“90 minutes of validation...”

- Patty Langgle

“... if I knew where my Brat pals were, I'd order a copy for each of them...”

- Mike F. Revere

“We belong somewhere after all...”

- Nicki Norris

“OMG you took most of my feelings and had other people say them. I never wanted the movie to end!!! It was the most wonderful trip HOME!! Thank you forever and ever.”

- Katie Villani

“... words are incapable of expressing my true gratitude for the emotional peace your film has brought me.”

- Ann Williams Archer

“Fills a longing I couldn't even acknowledge was there...”

- Sue Carrol Kenderdine

“I have watched it 4 times now and each time I take away something new.”

- Rhonda Yawn Honegger

“My hat is off to you, for finding the artistry and the poetry and everything else worthwhile in the nightmare of war and conflict...”

- Carol Darling

“The hair on the back of my neck is still standing.”

- John Bush Sr.

“When I went [home] for my sister's wedding, I carried [BRATS] with me to share with my family - I was greeted at my Mom's house by everyone waving their copy...”

- Bob Wirt

“Thank you for being our voice.”

- Denise G. Bafti

“If only we could have talked about it when we were actually children...”

- Catherine Guedalia

“... every time I watch this movie I cry because I know someone in this world knows how I feel.”

- Melissa Hill

“...a brat-bonding phenomena...”

- Theresa Tilton

“... a few million of us out here appreciate it...”

- James Weeks

“I haven't cried in over 20 years, you did that well.”

- Jason Musil

“... the first true, sometimes brutally raw, telling of the lives of military dependents... it is impossible to view this documentary without experiencing the entire gambit of emotions...”

- Steve Eisenbaugh

“... a profound psychotherapeutic experience...”

- David Nanney

“... the most helpful video I have ever seen. For years, I thought I was losing my mind... But when I saw the movie... I felt a great weight lifted.”

“People were talking about it the entire 4-day reunion...”

- Jim Branson

“A copy of [BRATS] should be in every school, library, chaplain's office, ACS office, and military OB-GYN, pediatrician, psychiatrist, and mental health counselor's office... should be required viewing by every active duty military parent or parent to be...”

- Dave Tuszyński, JAG

“I am proud to have been a child soldier... They may not recognize the significance of what we did or the service we provided to our country, but you managed to provide that recognition. Thank you from the bottom of my heart...”

- Barbara Long Harkins

“... explained beautifully what I feel, but cannot express...”

- Susan Whitlock

“... holy s***”

- Military Brat

“... haunting ...”

- Sarah Richards

“[After my mother watched the film], she turned and looked at me with a look I had never seen in 32 years. It was as if she was looking at me for the first time. Your film did that. Thank you.”

- Robin Galloway

“... what a colossal achievement... I am completely overwhelmed...”

- Sarah Bird, Author, *The Yokota Officer's Club*, *The Flamenco Academy*

“My husband now says I come by being crazy honestly.”

- Alice Ferrell Chavez

“It changed my life.”

- Julie Jacobs

“I feel whole and... well... *real* for the first time in a long, long time.”

- Lynette English

“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 always wondered how my own children felt about growing up Army brats, but they never were able to really tell me. This film speaks for them and so many others. It moved me so much that I’ve bought copies to send to my son and my daughter and others who grew up in a world entirely different from their peers.”

- Maj. Gen. US Army (Ret.) Jerry White

President, National Infantry Foundation

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

- General Everett Odgers, USAF (Ret.)

“Thanks ‘Brats’ people for making a film about a story that needed to be told.”

- Lt. Col. Deborah Marcus, USAF

Educators

“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

“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

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

- Tom Drysdale, Retired Deputy Director,

DoDDS, Founder, American Overseas

Schools Historical Society

“... 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

“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

Clergy

“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

“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

“... 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

“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

“BRATS” Screenings

Television Broadcast

Armed Forces Network Television (AFN) - broadcast worldwide in 175 countries and U.S. territories in April 2007 and 2008 as part of the Month of the Military Child in Europe and the Pacific!

BRATS Film Tour

San Francisco, CA - Marines’ Memorial Club & Hotel
Phoenix, AZ - Harkins Scottsdale 101 Theatre
Sacramento, CA - The Crest Theatre
Tucson, AZ - The Loft Cinema
San Antonio, TX - Aztec on the Riverwalk
Dallas, TX - Landmark’s Magnolia Theater
Fort Worth, TX - Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth
Austin, TX - St. Edward's University
Killeen, TX - Central Texas College
Elizabethtown, KY - Historic State Street Theater Complex
Huntsville, AL - U.S. Space and Rocket Center Museum and Theater
Anniston, AL - Zannie Theatre, Buckner Center
Pensacola, FL - Gulf Breeze Cinema 4
Tacoma, WA - Children's Deployment Fair
Montgomery, AL - Capri Theatre
Columbus, GA - Cunningham Center for Leadership Development

Warner Robins, GA - Museum of Aviation
Orlando, FL - Enzian Theater
Jacksonville, FL - Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens
Cocoa, FL - Central Brevard Public Library
Dayton, OH - Wright-Patterson Air Force Base - National Museum of the United States Air Force
Fayetteville/Fort Bragg, NC - Airborne and Special Operations Museum Theater (Appearance Fort Bragg PX)
Camp LeJeune, Jacksonville, NC (Appearance Camp LeJeune PX)
Norfolk, VA - MacArthur Memorial Theater (Appearance Fort Eustis PX)
Newport News, VA - Newport News Marriott at City Center (Appearance Langley AFB BX)
Washington, DC - The U.S. Navy Memorial (sponsored by Women in Film/Washington and the United States Navy Memorial Foundation)

Film Festivals

Beaufort Film Festival (BEST DOCUMENTARY & SOUTHERN LENS AWARD!) - Beaufort, S.C.
Estes Park Film Festival (BEST DOCUMENTARY!) - Estes Park, CO
RIIFF's Roving Eye Documentary Film Festival (FIRST TIME DIRECTOR'S AWARD!) - Newport, RI
Omaha Film Festival (FINALIST, BEST DOC/AUDIENCE AWARD!) - Omaha, NE
Everett Women's Film Festival - Everett, WA
Sedona International Film Festival - Sedona, AZ
Hot Springs Documentary Film Festival - Hot Springs, AR
Rocky Mountain Women's Film Festival - Colorado Springs, CO
Anchorage Film Festival - Anchorage, Alaska
Santa Fe Film Festival - Santa Fe, NM
Tacoma Film Festival - Tacoma, WA
Newport Beach Film Festival - Newport Beach, CA
San Diego Film Festival - San Diego, CA
Atlanta Film Festival - Atlanta, GA
Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival - Fort Lauderdale, FL
Rhode Island International Film Festival - Providence, RI
Kansas International Film Festival - Overland Park, KS
Baytowne Film Festival - Destin, FL
Rhode Island International Film Festival Encore - West Kingston, RI
The Oscar Micheaux Film and Book Festival - Gregory, South Dakota

BRAT Reunions

Seoul American High School - Washington, DC
Ankara American High School - Dallas, TX
Munich American High School - Palm Desert, CA
Bitburg American High School - Helen, Georgia
Zweibruecken American High School - San Antonio, TX
Frankfurt American High School - Philadelphia, PA
Weisbaden High School - Columbus, GA
Frankfurt American High School - Baltimore, MD
DoDDS Reunion - Pittsburgh, PA
AFSCENT Reunion - Washington, DC
International School of Bangkok - San Antonio, TX, San Diego, CA
Berlin American High School - Berlin, Germany
Narimasu High School Reunion - Annapolis, MD
Overseas Brats - Ft. Mitchell, KY, Dallas, TX, Boise, ID, Wash. DC
Karlsruhe American High School - Atlanta, GA
Madrid/Torrejon High School Reunion - Sacramento, CA
Zaragoza Toros High School - Denver, CO
Lakenheath High School - Denver, CO
Lackland Former Students All-Classes Reunion - San Antonio, CA
Antilles High School Reunion - Fajardo, Puerto Rico
Orleans American High School Reunion - San Diego, CA
Wurzburg Wolves Oktoberfest Reunion - Helen, GA
Ft. Knox High School Reunion - Ft. Knox, KY

Other Screenings

United States Military Academy at West Point - West Point, NY
Rice University - Houston, TX
University of Denver - Denver, CO
St. Edward's University - Austin, TX
University of Northern Colorado - Greeley, CO
Redstone Arsenal - Redstone Youth Education Conference - (sponsored by U.S. Army MWR and ACS) - Redstone Arsenal/Huntsville, AL
Seoul American High School - Seoul, Korea
Daegu American High School - Daegu, Korea
ASA - American Sociological Association's 100th Annual Meeting
Virginia Beach Central Library - Virginia Beach, VA
Oceanside Public Library - Oceanside, CA
Eglin Air Force Base Library - Eglin AFB, FL
The Museum of Flight - Seattle, WA
Peterson Air Force Base - Colorado Springs, CO

State Historical Museum (sponsored by State Historical Society of Iowa) - Des Moines, Iowa
Virginia Society for Clinical Social Work Conference - Virginia
2005 International Families in Global Transition Conference - Houston, TX
Military Community Youth Ministries Conference - Garmisch, Germany
Messiah Lutheran Church - Austin, TX
Academy Women's Symposium - Women's Memorial, Arlington, VA
Military Brat Registry's "Every Brat Has a Story" 2005 & 2006
Inaugural Cruise - Caribbean, Alaska
59th Annual Southwest Theatre and Film Association Conference - Alexandria, LA
Seabrook/Erickson Retirement Communities - Tinton Falls, NJ
Rocky Mountain VidExpo 2005 - Denver, CO
National Purple Heart Hall of Honor - Vails Gate, NY