

Treasure the Moments

I love it when people ask me “how do you do it?” As if I grew up all my life thinking I would love to take on the challenge of Army wife life. Oh gee, I’m so excited let me marry some guy that is going to potentially be away from me for very long periods of time while constantly in harms way.

I’ll get to parent on my own? Fabulous!

Oh, he’ll miss anniversaries and my birthday? Yippee!

What? I get to live somewhere far from my family in the middle of nowhere? Yes!

In this day where terrorism threatens our world and evil may lurk around any corner, we can live in fear that we are not safe, or that our soldier is not safe or we can celebrate the moments we have before us.

There will be times when you and your soldier are together that you can’t help but think about the next time you’ll be apart. You’ll spend one day counting minutes hoping they’ll go faster and the next hoping time will stop. The only thing you can do is “seize the day”.

Military life has ups and downs. One of the greatest things is that we never really ever get a chance to have a static or mundane life. *We always* have to live in the moment because our moments come and go so quickly. We are lucky in that we are forced to learn the ability to treasure and appreciate those moments for most of our civilian counterparts take them for granted or are never given the opportunity to experience those emotions.

I can’t tell you how I “do it” or how you’ll “do it” either, whatever “it” really is. What I can tell you is that you’ll live one crazy life full of hurry up and waits, frustrations and celebrations, extreme empowerment and independence, and complete and total passion. And every single minute will be worth it.