Married To The Military: A Survival Guide For Military Wives, Girlfriends, And Women In Uniform

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The Unofficial Scoop on Military Life

Whether you’re dating, engaged, or married to an active military servicemember or reservist or you’ve just signed up yourself “you may feel as if you’ve somehow married the United States military! While there are plenty of orientation books for him, there are almost no handy, user-friendly resources for you. Meredith Leyva, a military wife and founder of CinCHouse.com, the Internet’s largest community for military wives, girlfriends, and women in uniform, details everything you need to know to manage day-to-day issues and get on with the adventure of military life. From relocation to deployment, protocol to finances, and career to kids, Leyva offers time-tested advice about:

- Keeping your love life together during deployments
- Relocating yourself and your family around the world
- Maintaining your own career when you’re expected to move every three years
- Understanding what pay and benefits you’re entitled to “and how to maximize them
- Translating those odd acronyms and jargon

Written by a seasoned military wife, this smart and savvy guide will help you take control at every point of your servicemember’s career “from filing marriage papers as newlyweds to choosing prenatal and child care when you start a family to figuring out his pension when he’s ready to retire.

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Customer Reviews

I found this book to be offensive on several levels. Other reviewers have mentioned these complaints, but I want people to know that it isn’t just a handful of women who found the book repellent. First off, it seems to support a 1950’s mentality. Granted, it talks about working outside the home, etc., but only if it may cause others to look up to you, supporting your husband’s possible
promotion. It also talks about advancing your husband's career and how to effectively suck up to his superiors. I could vomit. Secondly, all of the information can be found elsewhere for free. Some of it is good information, I'll grant Ms. Leyva that, but there was nothing that really impressed me so much to think that this this book was worth the money that was paid for it. Luckily, it was given to me as a gift. I've been known to re-gift from time to time, but I wouldn't even pass this one on! I value my friendships too much. Also, as mentioned in other reviews, the book REALLY pushes its website, leading me to believe by the end of the book that it was nothing more than a giant write-up for the website. I visited the site, as the book suggested (over and over and over), and I was absolutely appalled by what I saw! I certainly will not be returning. I felt like I was in High School all over again--18 year old girls grouped off into the cool and not-cool, only on the site it's "the pregnant vs. the not", "the Navy vs. the others", etc. And it seems that some girls (very young and barely H.S. educated) go there really looking for guidance with serious military family issues and what they get instead is "cyberhugs" and "don't worry"'s. But that was not the worst of it.

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