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## NEW BOOK RELEASE:

***Coloring My Military Life—Book 1* by Christina Rodriguez**

***Coloring My Military Life—Book 2* by Jessie Barnes**

*Coloring book set expresses diverse, meaningful scenes of military life for all ages*

**Title:** *Coloring My Military Life—Book 1*

**Illustrator:** Christina Rodriguez

**ISBN:** 978-1-934617-37-3

**Retail Price:** \$5.99

**Format:** 8.5" x 11" Paperback

32+ illustrations, 64 pages

**Title:** *Coloring My Military Life—Book 2*

**Illustrator:** Jessie Barnes

**ISBN:** 978-1-934617-38-0

**Retail Price:** \$7.99

**Format:** 8.5" x 11" Paperback

32+ illustrations, 64 pages

**Publisher:** Elva Resa Publishing

**Publication Date:** November 11, 2016

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[Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com), major booksellers and wholesalers

(St. Paul, MN)—Award-winning independent publisher Elva Resa Publishing is pleased to announce the November 11 release of *Coloring My Military Life—Book 1* illustrated by Christina Rodriguez and *Coloring My Military Life—Book 2* illustrated by Jessie Barnes.

Military life is a colorful adventure, filled with challenges, blessings, and a whole lot of red, white, and blue. Frequent moves, deployments, and close friendships over the miles are just a few common shades. Each person in a military family lives a unique life. Elva Resa's *Coloring My Military Life* books let you choose your palette to express your own military life experience.

Each book contains a variety of illustrated military life situations and emotions appropriate for all ages. One-sided pages offer options to use a variety of coloring materials, take pages out of the book to frame or share, or draw your own pictures or doodles on the blank side.

*Coloring My Military Life—Book 1*, illustrated by Christina Rodriguez, features level-one coloring pages with simple scenes especially interesting to younger children. An adorable puppy makes snow angels, marches in a patriotic parade, and dreams of being a superhero dog.

Christina says, "This book is an ode to the family dog—the loyal and loving companion animal who helps everyone endure the frequent geographic and emotional transitions of military life."

*Coloring My Military Life—Book 2*, illustrated by Jessie Barnes, features level-two coloring pages with hand-lettering, patterns and designs, and more complex scenes especially appealing to older children, teens, and adults. Best friends, a new school day, air shows, and inventory stickers—Book 2 is packed with meaningful scenes on many aspects of military life.

"Designing this coloring book is a project that has been close to my heart, because the military community is, in itself, a sense of home for me," says Jessie. "While I poured my own military life experiences and ideas into the artwork, my intent is for others to see themselves when they open these pages."

As a set, the coloring books provide pages for everyone in the family in everyday military life.

"While Christina and I may have created the lines, it's the color that each person will bring to the pages that reflects each unique military life," adds Jessie. "We want these books to provide room for military families to express the individuality that shapes each of our stories."

**About the Illustrators:**

Both illustrators grew up in military families.

**Christina Rodriguez** is an award-winning children's book illustrator. Born overseas to multicultural parents, she grew up in an Air Force family, moving from place to place. She loved to draw and paint and was awarded a generous scholarship to the Rhode Island School of Design, where she earned a fine arts degree in illustration. She drew on her experiences growing up in a military family to bring a range of emotions into her *Coloring My Military Life—Book 1* coloring pages as well as her paintings for the award-winning picture book *The Wishing Tree* and her illustrated activities in *My Dad's Deployment* and *My Mom's Deployment*. Christina and her husband live in historic Providence, Rhode Island.

**Jessie Barnes** is a painter, sculptor, and designer who was born in the South Pacific and grew up all over the world. Being part of an Air Force family has influenced the way she views her life, her surroundings, and her art. Jessie was born on Guam and attended kindergarten in Japan. She graduated from high school in Germany, after attending eight different schools in four states and three countries. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in studio art at Azusa Pacific University in California, where she received multiple awards for her leadership and artistic accomplishment. She drew on her experiences as a military child to illustrate her first book, *Coloring My Military Life—Book 2*.

*Coloring My Military Life* coloring books will be released November 11, 2016. Preorders purchased at [www.MilitaryFamilyBooks.com](http://www.MilitaryFamilyBooks.com) will ship November 1.

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