

# Sneller Salute



Meet Marlina, who has ministered to us and with us from the start:

Where am I to begin with the blessings the Sneller family left on my life in the span of just nine months? From the start, God's grace and love were orchestrating it all. My new husband and I (both active-duty Army) had just been reunited after spending our first year of marriage apart when I received the news I would be leaving once again for Germany. By late June of 2023, I arrived at the KMC (Kaiserslautern Military Community) for a nine-month rotation with a unit that was still new to me. My heart was heavy and conflicted.

When I met the Snellers, their family was an instant joy to be around. They reflected the much-needed love of God for which my soul was searching. They opened their home and hearts to me, displaying true hospitality. Their steady trust in the Lord and His plan for them has been a testament to faith and something I admire.

When we met, they had also just arrived in Germany and were starting their ministry from scratch. Watching Rebecca fearlessly invite anyone the Lord put on her heart amazed me, as did their trust in God's process and vision for what ministry would look like in their new context. From being involved in their new and growing ministry, God showed me that even things that seem temporary can have a long-lasting impact; kingdom connections are eternal.

*Marlina Corbin*



Sometimes, we only have a short time with people, but it is significant. Such is the case with Marlina. While we would welcome more time with her, we celebrate her returning to her husband in the States, who also serves in the Army. We also share her excitement for the next season of life as she separates from the Army, starts an internship at a bakery (one of her passions), and anticipates starting a family. Marlina shared in meals, holidays, outings, ministry, and even blessed us with a date night. What a gift! Besides this, we feel a special bond because she grew up as a missionary kid in China. She understands us and our kids and jumped into ministry with us. I think both she and we appreciated being seen and supported at the start of what could have been a pretty tough assignment.

The other day, I was reflecting on the vast assortment of details from people's lives that we hold. For instance, we know people's favorite foods, interests, and likes and dislikes, as well as stories of pain and freedom. We have heard about their childhoods, career decisions, breakups, proposals, parenting, and the disappointments and longings along those lines. Much of this will never make a newsletter because these things are deeply personal. It is funny what details randomly come to mind while house cleaning or driving the car. These natural overflows of life-sharing are prayer prompts for us to lift up those we have come to love.



Thank you for the privilege we have to share life's ups and downs with the military community. We are so thankful we were here to bless Marlina. How sweet to share the hope we have in Christ when and where it is very needed!

Much love and God bless,  
**Deric Sneller (on behalf of the Sneller family)**



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