## A Nation Traveled and a Home Found

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Originally from New Mexico, my husband joined and served in the military for 22 years. Over the years we loved coast to coast and always dreamt about and looked forward to his military retirement where we could one day be together and settle down with deployments no more. We would often talk about where "home" would be, because truly it could be anywhere in the country.

A fresh start, a new beginning wherever we chose. Retiring out of San Diego we never thought of staying in CA. We wanted a small town, community feel. After my husband got a job in San Diego, we couldn't turn down we knew we had to find home. One of our best military friends who was from Carlsbad, graduated from CHS, asked if we had ever looked at Carlsbad.

The more we researched Carlsbad the more we knew in the whole country, this would be home. We moved here 6 months before Covid hit, and even with that pause in life and community, have managed to find home and community in this small coastal town. I work for the school district and have one CHS graduate and one in middle school. We have been a part of the Hs basketball, youth softball and soccer community. We have no regrets and alas, we are "home".