



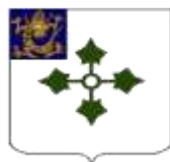
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198th Infantry Brigade Spousal Brief

Brave and Bold



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198th BDE CDR / CSM



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AGENDA



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- Opening Comments
- Army Community Services (ACS)
- Chaplain
- Tri-Care
- Morale Welfare and Recreational Services (MWR)
- Legal
- Transportation
- Government Housing
- Closing Comments



US Army Installations



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Current ACUB Status



- * U.S. Army Special Operations Command
- * Midlands Area Joint Installation Consortium

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Army Community Service

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- Army Community Service (ACS) offers comprehensive programs and services to Soldiers and Families. ACS programs include:
 - Financial Readiness
 - Army Emergency Relief (AER)
 - Employment Readiness
 - Exceptional Family Member Program
 - Army Volunteer Corps
 - Family Advocacy Program
 - Relocation Readiness & Lending Closet
 - Military Family Life Consultants



Financial Readiness

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- Financial readiness supports the commander by counseling and educating Soldiers and Families in order to maintain financial readiness. Prevention education classes are provided, to include:
 - Banking and credit union services
 - Budget development and record-keeping
 - Personal financial management training for first-term Soldiers
 - Wise use of credit
 - Consumer rights and obligations
 - Insurance
 - Personal financial readiness
 - Financial planning for relocation
 - Planning for critical life changes impacting personal finances



Army Emergency Relief

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- AER assistance may be provided for:
 - Rent
 - Utilities
 - Emergency POV expense
 - Emergency Travel
 - Food
 - Funeral Expense
 - Medical and Dental Expenses
- Commanders' Referral Program expedites loans of up to \$1000
- AER also provides support for college through several scholarship programs



Employment Readiness

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- Employment Readiness will assist customers to obtain skills, resources, and coordination which will allow them to participate in the work force and to develop a career/work plan.
- Resource Information
- Job Search Assistance
 - Resume Writing
 - Interviewing Techniques
 - Dress for Success
- Career Counseling and Coaching
- Employment Opportunity Development and Job Fairs



Exceptional Family Member Program

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- The Exceptional Family Member Program is a mandatory enrollment program for active duty that works with other military and civilian agencies to provide services to Families with special needs. National Guard and Reserve AGR are also eligible for enrollment when they are activated for more than 30 days. Services through ACS includes resources and information on:
 - Comprehensive and Coordinated Community and Transition Support
 - Education
 - Medical
 - Recreational
 - Child/Youth Services
 - Respite Care Program
 - Available Resource Library
- Please contact the MEDDAC EFMP at 706-544-1133 to enroll.



Army Volunteer Corps

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- The ACS and the Army Volunteer Corps relies heavily on the support of dedicated volunteers. The Volunteer opportunities contains:
 - Installation Wide Volunteer Placement
 - Volunteer Management Information System (VMIS)
 - On-The-Job Training
 - Flexible Hours
 - Enhance Resume
 - Free Child Care (ACS) if Available
- Registered volunteers' hours are documented and their service is recognized quarterly and annually.



Family Advocacy Program

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- The FAP mission is to provide information, education, and awareness in the prevention and treatment of child and spouse abuse within the military community. The FAP offers the following programs and services:
 - New Parent Support Program (NPSP) provides early childhood parent education for expectant and adoptive parents with children 0-3 years old. NPSP Home Visitors are licensed social workers, registered nurses, and licensed marriage and family therapists.
 - Victim Advocacy Program. Victim Advocates are available 24/7 to provide victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault with support, safety plans, and options for counseling and other military and civilian resources.
 - Command, Troop, Community and Professional Education briefs, classes and trainings are available on a variety of FAP topics.
- Life skills classes such as stress management, anger management, parenting, couples communication and child safety.



Relocation Readiness Program

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Moving is part of life for Soldiers and their Families. The Relocation Readiness Program offers a comprehensive support system to help you and your Family make permanent change of station moves as smoothly as possible. The mission of RRP is to minimize the stress of relocation by offering skills and resources to Soldiers and families that will simplify the moving process throughout their military career.

- Welcome Packets
- Newcomers Orientation
- Lending Closet
- Relocation Counseling and Plan My Move
- Citizenship and Immigration Assistance
- Permanent Change of Station (PCS) for CONUS and OCONUS
- Hearts Apart Program and Support Group
- Sponsorship Training
- Community Outreach
- Multicultural Programs and Services
- Re-entry Specialized Programs



Military Family Life Consultants

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- MFLC is an Army program designed to provide anonymous, confidential support to Soldiers and their Family members, especially those returning from deployments. Units that return from deployment may request Life Consultants through Army Community Service.
- MFLC Counselors can help you and your family problem solve with issues resulting from deployment, reunions, reintegration and other times of change including:
 - Marriage and Relationship Issues
 - Family Issues
 - Stress and Anxiety
 - Depression
 - Grief and Loss
 - Anger Management
 - Parent and Child Communication



CHAPLAINS AND ASSISTANTS UNIT MINISTRY TEAM



- The Chaplain Section provide for the religious , spiritual, moral and free exercise of religious needs to Soldiers and family members assigned to the unit.
- We provide the following:
 - Pastoral Counseling
 - Worship Services/sacraments and rituals
 - Emergency assistance
 - Retreats/relationship enhancement for married and single Soldiers
 - Training/suicide prevention and moral leadership
- Chaplains are available to Soldiers and Family Member at any post 24 hours, there will always be a unit chaplain assigned to the unit and chaplains at the installation to provide religious support.
- Feel free to contact your unit chaplain immediately upon signing in your new duty station.



TRICARE



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- TRICARE offers comprehensive, affordable health coverage with several health plan options, a robust pharmacy benefit, dental options and other special programs.
- When you marry an active duty or retired service member, you become entitled to military benefits, including TRICARE, the military health plan. Even though you are **entitled** to TRICARE benefits when you get married, you must be registered in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) to be **eligible** for TRICARE. Your sponsor must register you in DEERS.
- Once you're registered in DEERS, you'll receive your own uniformed services identification card and you can start using your TRICARE benefits.
- Depending on where you live, and who you are, your options will vary. You may be eligible for the following health care options:



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Latin America and Canada
and US Territories: 1-888-777-8343



Europe: 1-888-777-8343



Overseas Pacific:
1-888-777-8343



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- **Does TRICARE offer dental coverage?**

Yes, you can enroll in the TRICARE Dental Program. This plan is available to all active duty family members. This dental plans is separate from TRICARE's health benefit and does require a separate enrollment.

- **Does TRICARE cover prescriptions?**

Yes, TRICARE provides a robust pharmacy benefit.

- **What will I pay out of pocket?**

Your health care costs are based on your sponsor's status (active duty or retired) and which health plan option you are using.

- **Are my children also covered?**

Yes, biological, adopted and step-children are covered by TRICARE. Learn more about eligibility for children.



Family and MWR Vision, Mission and Values

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Vision:

We are the “First Choice” for all Family and MWR Customers

Mission:

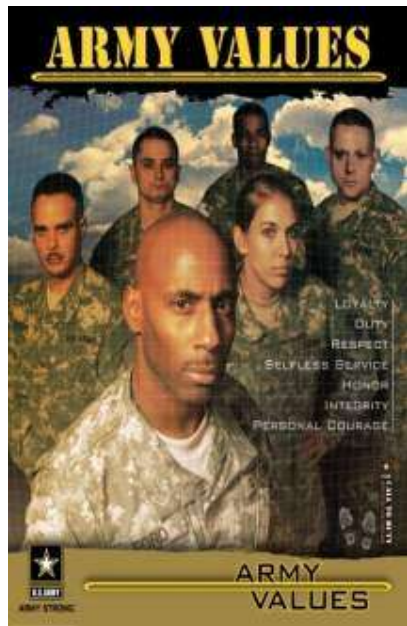
Deliver exceptional Family and MWR child, youth and schools services, social, entertainment, recreation, Family readiness, and Lodging programs and services to enhance the quality of life for the Total Army Family

Values:

The Family and MWR focus includes the Army values

plus

- *Excellence*
- *Commitment*
- *Teamwork*
- *Inspired Leadership*



Loyalty
Duty
Respect
Selfless Service
Honor
Integrity
Personal Courage



TYPICAL MWR OFFERINGS

CUSTOMER

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**ARMY
COMMUNITY
SERVICES**

EMPLOYMENT READINESS
FINANCIAL READINESS
INSTALLATION VOLUNTEER
COORDINATOR
RELOCATION READINESS
SOLDIER & FAMILY
READINESS
DEPLOYMENT, MOBILIZATION,
STABILITY AND SUPPORT
OPERATIONS READINESS
SOLDIER AND FAMILY
ASSISTANCE CENTER
SURVIVOR OUTREACH SVCS
ARMY FAMILY COVENANT

**CHILD, YOUTH
AND SCHOOL
SVCS**

CHILD DEV SVCS
YOUTH SPORTS/FITNESS
INSTRUCTIONAL PGMS
MIDDLE SCHOOL/TEEN
SCHOOL AGE SVCS
FAMILY CHILDCARE
OUTREACH SVCS
SCHOOL LIAISON
SKIES/YESS

**COMMUNITY
RECREATION**

GYMS AND FITNESS
OUTDOOR RECREATION
PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES
RENTAL & LEASING
AUTO SKILLS CENTER
LIBRARY
LAUNDROMAT
CAR/PET WASH
REC SWIMMING
REC CENTERS
COMMERCIAL TRAVEL

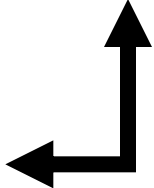
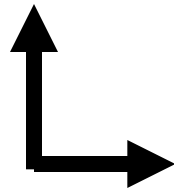
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CATERING
BINGO
RESTAURANTS
UCHEE CREEK
DESTIN
GOLF
BOWLING
LODGING

**NAF SUPPORT
MANAGEMENT**

ADMIN
FINANCIAL MGMT
NAF UNIT FUNDS
STRATEGIC PLANNING
CONTINGENCY PLANS
QUALITY MGMT/ICE
AUTOMATION
PRIVATE ORG LIAISON
FUND RAISING
PROPERTY & SUPPLY
QUALITY ASSURANCE
CONTRACTING LIAISON
MARKETING
RECYCLE SALES

**DIRECTORATE OF FAMILY AND MORALE,
WELFARE AND RECREATION**





U.S. Army Family and MWR



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- Each installation has a slightly different offering of MWR programs and services
- Most installations have a website and or Facebook page
 - www.benningmwr.com
 - Great resource for what's happening on the post



Legal Assistance



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- **Assistance is provided in the following areas:**
- Family Law (separation/divorce)
- Wills and estate planning
- Real property
- Consumer protection
- Landlord-tenant matters
- Economic matters
- Military and civilian administrative matters
- Taxes, torts and limited civilian criminal matters
- Consultation with an attorney requires an appointment. Appointments are made up to one week in advance, beginning each Friday at 8:30am.



Transportation



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To find the transportation office near you go to:
www.move.mil





Housing



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What are the benefits of living on post?

- No application fee, no security deposit, no pet deposit and no credit check
- FREE renter's insurance, FREE landscaping services, FREE curbside trash pick-up, FREE resident events and FREE resident activities
- Community amenities include:
 - Game rooms, business centers, pools fitness centers, event centers, playgrounds, splash parks and more
- 24/7 responsive maintenance team
- Top-rated DODEA school
- Convenient to military privileges: hospital, commissary, PX, etc.
- No commute to work, which means saving gas money



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- What is needed to obtain on post housing?
 - Completed and signed application, copy of orders assigning Service Member to Fort Benning, DEERS Enrollment showing proof of dependents and most recent LES.
 - The Service Member can provide VOB with their application and copy of orders as soon as he/she receives them, but the wait-list sequence number will be based on the date the Service Member signs out of their last duty station.
 - Applications are available on The Villages of Benning website (www.villagesofbenning.com), as well as frequently asked questions and area information.
 - For additional questions and concerns regarding the leasing process, please refer to www.villagesofbenning.com or call (706)685-3939 to speak with a leasing specialist.



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Questions



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