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UNITED STATES ARMY AVIATION CENTER
FORT RUCKER, ALABAMA 36360

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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SUBJECT: Army Community Services Program

TO: Sponsors and Dependents

1. The Department of the Army recognizes that the sudden transfer of personnel on Permanent Change of Station (PCS) often makes it difficult for the sponsor to resolve the many personal problems confronting his family prior to and subsequent to his departure.

2. To insure that you receive the maximum assistance from the Army, an Army Community Service Office has been established at Fort Rucker to aid you. The Army Community Services Officer (ACSO), telephone 3817 or 3898, is located in Bldg 6202, and he will extend whatever assistance the Army is able to provide. He will advise and assist you concerning financial support, housing, transportation, relocation, legal affairs, medical care and treatment, personal adjustment. In many cases, you will simply be referred to another staff agency, but this arrangement makes it possible for you to have a central point of inquiry concerning any problems you may have.

3. This letter has been written to give you a brief explanation of matters of immediate interest. After you have had a chance to read it, feel free to discuss any problems you might have with the ACSO. If he cannot answer all your questions, he will, as stated above, refer you to other officials, or obtain the answers for you. It is not intended that the Army's assistance to you be limited to the matters outlined in this letter. If you need assistance in other matters, it will be provided when possible.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



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FACT SHEET NUMBER 1

DEPENDENT FAMILIES REMAINING IN THE FORT RUCKER AREA

1. Army Community Services Officer. The Army Community Services Officer, Bldg 6202, telephone 3817 or 3898, is a central source of information for military and dependent personnel living in the area. Dependents of military personnel whose sponsor is absent from the area on Temporary Duty or Permanent Change of Station are encouraged to contact the ACSO at the address or phone number noted above for any assistance and guidance needed.

2. Dependent medical Care Information

a. General

(1) Eligible dependents are authorized medical care at government expense.

(2) Medical care may be secured from uniformed services (Army, Navy, Air Force, and U. S. Public Health Service) facilities.

(3) Some dependents may secure medical care from civilian medical facilities.

(4) Sponsor must furnish transportation for dependents to the source of medical care. Emergency ambulance service is available from military hospitals within reasonable distance.

(5) Dependents must secure medical care from Service facilities if they are residing with their sponsor, or living near his duty station.

b. Identification

(1) Dependents are required to present their Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card (DD Form 1173):

(a) As proof of their eligibility.

(b) When applying for any kind of medical care at a Service or Civilian facility or to a civilian physician.

(2) It is the responsibility of the dependent to present a current valid Uniformed Service Identification and Privilege Card (DD Form 1173).

(a) Medical care may be refused if this card cannot be presented or is expired.

(b) A card will be furnished all eligible dependents 10 years of age or older upon application by their service sponsor, through his unit personnel section (see para 4 below).

(c) In case of children under 10 years of age the parent or guardian will furnish their identification and certify to the child's eligibility. It is recommended that sponsors who must leave these children with a guardian furnish that guardian with a formal letter explaining the arrangements made. He should also insure that the children have been issued a Dependents' Medical Card from the U. S. Army Hospital, Fort Rucker, Alabama.

c. Eligibility for care in Uniformed Services Facilities is limited to dependents of Active Duty, Retired and Deceased members who bear one of the following relationships:

(1) Wife

(2) Unremarried widow

(3) Husband, if dependent on service wife for over one half of his support.

(4) Unremarried widower, if he was dependent on active duty or retired service wife at the time of her death for over one half of his support because of a mental or physical incapacity.

(5) Unmarried legitimate child, adopted child, or stepchild in one of the following categories:

(a) Under 21 years of age

(b) 21 or over, but incapable of self-support because of a mental or physical incapacity which existed before the age of 21.

(c) Under 23, enrolled in a full time course in an approved institution of higher learning, and dependent on the sponsor for over one-half of support.

d. Medical Care in Civilian Facilities

(1) Dependents of ACTIVE DUTY members ONLY are eligible for Civilian Medical Care. The dependents must be residing apart from their sponsors and bear one of the following relationships:

(a) Wife

(b) Children, as outlined in para 2c(5) above

(c) Dependent husband

(2) Medical Care Authorized From Civilian Facilities under the Medicare program is:

(a) Hospitalization for acute medical or surgical disorders.

(b) Hospitalization for acute emotional disorders, not to exceed 21 days, and only when sponsor's absence prevents the making of suitable arrangements at other than government expense.

(c) Complete obstetrical and maternity care.

(d) Outpatient care for bodily injury only.

(3) Medical Care Not Authorized From Civilian Facilities:

(a) Outpatient care other than that involved in maternity care and treatment of bodily injury.

(b) Treatment of chronic conditions.

(c) Domiciliary care (nursing home type care).

(d) Ambulance service.

(e) Hospitalization solely for diagnosis.

(f) Dental care.

(g) Immunizations.

(4) Charges For Care Provided Under the Medicare Program:

(a) For Hospitalization: The first \$25.00 or \$1.75 per day of the hospital bill whichever is greater.

(b) For outpatient care for bodily injury: The first \$15.00.

e. Any additional information desired about dependent medical care may be obtained by contacting the ACSO, Bldg 6202, in person, or by phone.

3. Dental Care for dependents of military personnel at medical treatment facilities of the uniformed services is not authorized except:

a. Emergency dental care to relieve pain and ~~undue~~ suffering. Permanent fillings, bridges, and dentures are not authorized.

b. As required for treatment of a medical or surgical condition.

4. Dependent Identification Card (DD Form 1173) is authorized for issue to each dependent 10 years of age or older. In addition to providing positive identification as a military dependent, it authorizes the holder certain military and civilian medical care, post exchange and commissary privileges, and attendance at motion picture theaters.

a. Lost ID Card. In the event a dependent loses a DD Form 1173 a replacement may be obtained by the dependent contacting the sponsor by

mail or requesting assistance from the Adjutant General, ID Card Section, Bldg 101, telephone 5007. The US Army Hospital, Outpatient Clinic, and AG, ID Card Branch must be notified as soon as card is discovered lost.

b. Initial issue or reissue of expired card. Application for initial issue or reissue of cards to dependents will be accomplished by the sponsor through his Personnel Section. Assistance may be requested in obtaining the application through AG, ID Card Section.

5. The ACSO will arrange for appointment with personnel of the Staff Judge Advocate Office on legal matters. This service includes advice on all legal questions or matters pertaining to state and federal income tax, purchase of items on credit, and negotiations of certain contracts. Where a court action or appearance is necessary, or the matter is highly technical, the services of a civilian lawyer are required. The legal assistance officer, upon request, will help in securing such services. The government will not bear any of the expense of services rendered by civilian lawyers.

6. Officer and NCO Club Memberships.

a. Officers Club. Dependents of officers who are presently members of the Fort Rucker Main Officer's Open Mess are authorized to continue their membership as associate members. Membership as associate members costs \$5.00 per month. Additional information may be obtained from the Mess Secretary, telephone 2538 or 3570.

b. NCO Clubs. Wives of NCO's, E5 through E9, may purchase membership cards at the facilities by presenting their ID Card and paying the \$2.00 monthly fee. Additional information may be obtained from the Mess Secretary, telephone 2540.

7. Those dependents remaining in the Fort Rucker area do not need to reregister their POV's. They will be required to clear with the vehicle registration branch, bldg 607, if the vehicle is sold.

8. Movement of Household Goods. Sponsor's orders will be authority for one movement of household goods at Government expense for all personnel of Grade E5 and above, and E4's with over four years of service. If dependents are presently living off-post they may delay movement of household goods until a later date if they so desire. In order to initiate the movement of household goods after the sponsor has departed, the principal dependent should contact the ACSO who will assist arranging for movement of household goods. If the dependent has power of attorney, the move will be executed without undue delay. Household Goods Section will be manned with personnel experienced in solving all problems as pertains to movement of household goods, cleaning of post housing, etc.

9. Survivor's Benefits. In the event of death of the sponsor, the ACSO will assist dependents in dealing with the Survivor Assistance Officer, who will be your primary contact for any assistance you need.

10. Financial Assistance. Emergency financial assistance can be obtained through the American Red Cross or the Army Emergency Relief. The ACSO Bldg 6202, will assist you in obtaining financial aid from either of these agencies with the least delay.

11. Housing.

a. Retention of on-post housing. On-Post housing may in some cases be retained for periods of 30, 60, 90, or 120 days after departure of the sponsor, depending on the circumstances in each individual case. Military sponsor, or principal dependent should contact the ACSO in person or by phone, for guidance in this area.

b. Off-Post Housing. The ACSO has made contact with Chambers of Commerce in towns in the local area, and is prepared to assist in obtaining off-post housing if desired.

FACT SHEET NUMBER II

DEPENDENT FAMILIES LEAVING THE FORT RUCKER AREA

This fact sheet has been prepared to assist you in matters both routine and emergency in nature that may arise in processing for movement from Fort Rucker during your sponsor's absence. While remaining in the Fort Rucker area, the facilities outlined in Fact Sheet Number 1 will be available to you.

1. Army Community Services Officer. The ACSO located in Bldg 6202, telephone 3817 or 3898 is a central source of information for military and dependent personnel living in the area. Dependents that incur any type of problems involving the military in any way are encouraged to contact the ACSO for assistance and guidance.

2. Medical Assistance. Dependents are authorized medical care at any military installation and may qualify for civilian medical care. Dependents will have to check with medical facilities in the area in which they live for local rules. DA Pamphlet 360-505, Dependents Medical Care Program, is available at Office of the Adjutant General, ID Card Section, Bldg 101, telephone 5007.

3. Dependent Identification Card. The dependent identification card (DD Form 1173) is authorized for issue to each dependent 10 years of age or older. Dependents should insure that all cards are current prior to leaving post. If there is a question pertaining ID Cards, contact the Office of the Adjutant General, ID Card Section.

4. Legal Advice and Assistance. Legal assistance is available to all dependents, and may be arranged for as indicated in para 5, Fact Sheet # 1.

5. Officers Club. Dependents of officers leaving the Fort Rucker area must turn in membership card to the Officer's Open Mess, Bldg 607.

6. Reregistration of Private Owned Vehicle (POV). Dependents leaving the Fort Rucker area must clear the vehicle registration branch, Provost Marshal's Office, Bldg 607.

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