



Defense Military Pay Office (DMPO)

Fort Riley

Newsletter— September 2016



DMPO Fort Riley Mission Statement

To deliver and administer superior financial services in an efficient, effective and timely manner for Ft. Riley Soldiers and their families while setting the standards in customer service as leaders throughout all of DFAS.

Hours of Operations

Mon—Fri: 0730 –1500

Closed – Mandatory Training

Bldg 210: Separations - In/Out Processing -

Wed: 1230 - 1600

Bldg 212: Main Finance -

Thur: 1230 - 1600

CLOSED: 2,5,16,30 Sept 2016

Holiday's & Garrison RDO's

S-1 Certification Course

Held every *THRID* Thurs-day of the month in building 210 from 0900—1200

In-Out Processing

Reporting Soldiers **must** Contact 1st Replacement Company before attending the *In-Brief*. You **must** bring 2 copies of your orders & leave form (DA 31).

Departing Soldiers **must** attend *Out-Brief*. You **must** bring 2 copies of your orders, amendment(s) & approved leave form.

Downrange Pay Entitlements

Soldiers returning from deployment—with their Unit or Individually—**must** process through the **SRP** site in order for downrange pay entitlements to stop. Failure to visit the SRP **will result** in an **overpayment** of downrange pay entitlements and **collection from pay**.

510 Pay Inquires for August

BAH—49% **Meal Deductions**—9% **Allotments**—6%

Unit Commander's and S-1 personnel, **anytime** a soldier's dependency status changes so too does their entitlement to BAH and BAS—Deductible meal rate. **43 Soldiers** got married who **still had** meal deductions from their pay. We had **4 Soldiers** divorce with **no** change to meal deductions.

Timeliness is critical to pay accounts. Turn-in Pay documents between 0730—1030. Please submit documents to DMPO Finance in a timely manner to ensure ALL Soldier Pay Accounts are updated on-time. **Please do not hold documents and batch them for processing. We have had some issues with Units holding DA Form 31 for soldiers who have returned from leave until they have more documents to turn in.**

Unit Commander's Finance Report (UCFR)

Self Registration visit: <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/docs/DOC-165835>

UCFR Training visit: <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/docs/DOC-165340>

Unit Commander's are **required** to review & annotate updates, changes, corrections, additions, or deletions of personnel & finance information. Units **must** return the UCFR to **DMPO NLT 10th day of each month**.

Interactive Customer Satisfaction (ICE)

The ICE survey is your way of providing valuable feedback to the DMPO Director. You are highly encouraged to self-identify, and by expressing your concerns with DMPO products, services or customer-care allows the DMPO and departmental personnel to improve upon our products and services. Visit: http://ice.disa.mil/index.cfm?fa=site&site_id=17.

DMPO Office Hours to Change

Effective **19 Sep 2016** the DMPO will be open daily from 0730—1500. We will not be closed for lunch. The only exceptions are for Training Days for Employees, Holidays and RDO days. Also Separations and In/Out processing will be closed on Wednesday afternoons for Training.



Military Pay Entitlements and Supplemental Information for Deployments



Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS): Soldiers without meal cards will see no change. Meal deductions will stop for Soldiers on meal cards – meal deductions stop on the day of departure and resume the day of return to home station (a DA 4187 needs to be submitted to the DMPO to restart the deduction). Enlisted Soldiers receive \$367.92 per month and officers receive \$253.38. BAS is a monthly entitlement for the Soldier. BAS is not a dependent entitlement. Daily rates for meals are **Breakfast** \$2.60, **Diner** \$4.20, **Super** \$3.65 totaling **\$10.45 per day**.

Example: Enlisted Soldier received $367.92/30 = 12.264/\text{day}$ LESS Meal Deductions (meals provided at no cost to the Soldier) $10.45 * 30 = 313.50$ (3 free squares a day). 367.92 (BAS) – $313.50 = \mathbf{\$54.42}$ for Enlisted, 253.38 (BAS) – $313.50 = \mathbf{(\$60.12)}$ for Officer

Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH): BAH (to include barracks rate, BAH-DIFF, without dependent, and with dependent) will continue to be paid at the same rate while Soldiers are deployed.

Family Separation Allowance (FSA R/S/T): IAW DoDFMR, Table 7-10, Chapter 27 ... is payable to members with dependents. It is payable in addition to any other allowances or per diem. Soldiers TDY, other than restricted or ship, will receive FSA-T. FSA provides compensation for added expenses incurred because of an enforced family separation, i.e., TDY for a period of 30-days or greater.

Start date: 30-day clock begins day of departure. Credit for FSA-T may not be applied until the member has been on TDY or TAD away from their PDS continuously for more than 30 days. Include days of authorized travel time to and from the TDY station.

Stops: *Boots-on-the-Ground* (BOTG) back home

Monthly amount: \$250.00, NOT taxable because it's an allowance vice "pay"

Foreign Language Proficiency Bonus (FLPB): Soldiers entitled to FLPB pay will continue to be paid at the same rate based on the published orders. FLPB will be terminated based on the order unless new orders are received. AR 15-6, Chapter 6-6 provides further information.

Hardship Duty Pay - Location (HDP-L): Both Officers and Enlisted Soldiers "serving on temporary duty of over 30 days duration in a designated hardship duty location are eligible and will receive Hardship Duty Pay – Location". DoDFMR, Volume 7A, Chapter 17, 130203.B.

Monthly payable range: \$50.00 - \$150.00 depending on exact location (see Figure 17-1 for different locations); considered taxable income because it's considered "pay".

Start date: *Boots-on-the-Ground* (BOTG)

Ending date: The day of departure from the Hardship Duty Location

Hostile Fire Pay/Imminent Danger Pay (HFP/IDP): Soldiers receive \$225 per month provided the location is designated as a qualifying area. DoDFMR, Volume 7A, Chapter 10 provides further information.

Assignment Incentive Pay (AIP) for Involuntary Extended Soldiers: A Soldier must be serving in a unit in Iraq, specified by the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) and have been deployed to Iraq (to include staging time in Kuwait) and/or Afghanistan for a combined deployed time of 12 consecutive months, or 12 months within a 15-month period. Soldiers who qualify will be paid a flat \$200.00 in extra HDP-L and \$800.00 in AIP for any month or portion of the month served in Iraq beyond the Soldier's scheduled 12 month rotation date. The request for AIP is submitted to DFAS-Indianapolis for determination and processing. The AIP appears on your LES as SAVE PAY.

Combat Zone Tax Exclusion (CZTE): All military pay for Enlisted Soldiers and some Warrant Officers & Officers are excluded from federal tax during service in a combat zone.

Per Diem: Soldiers receive \$3.50 per day while OCONUS, and \$2.00 per day while CONUS. Per Diem begins the day of departure and ends the day of return to home station. A travel voucher (DD 1351-2) is required for payment.



Military Pay Entitlements and Supplemental Information for Deployments –continued



Special Leave Accrual (SLA): AR 600-8-10, Leaves and Passes, Special Leave Accrual (SLA) is authorized. SLA provides relief to soldiers who are not authorized leave when undergoing lengthy deployment or during periods of hostility. It authorizes soldiers to carry forward up to 120 days of leave at the end of a FY.

Savings Deposit Program (SDP): Soldiers can participate in the Savings Deposit Program after 30 days in the deployed area. Soldiers enroll in SDP through the deployed supporting finance unit by allotment or through cash/check contributions. Spouses or any other designated person with a Special POA may start SDP contributions only through allotment once the Soldier has been deployed for 30 days. Deposited funds earn interest at 10% per year, compounded quarterly at 2.5%. Monthly deposits cannot exceed the Soldier's current pay and allowances less deductions and allotments. The maximum total amount allowed for deposit during the deployment is \$10,000. 90-days after redeployment, interest stops accruing. To remove the money from the program send a letter to: DFAS-Cleveland, ATTN: Code FMAA, 1240 East 9th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44199-2055 and include – name, SSN, Branch of Service, delivery information (bank routing number, account number, or address for check), and the date of departure from the deployed area or the Soldier can make a withdrawal request on **myPay**.

Thrift Savings Plan (TSP): Soldiers that contribute to the TSP may contribute up to 100% of special pay, incentive pay, or bonuses. The elective deferral limit for 2015 TSP contributions is \$18,000. Soldiers may start TSP contributions at any time. Soldiers can conduct TSP transactions either on **myPay** or a hardcopy TSP-U-1 form available at www.tsp.gov. Additional information can also be found on the TSP site.

Federal Subsistence Supplemental Allowance (FSSA): Soldiers receiving FSSA will need to recertify upon starting duty in a combat zone tax exclusion pay area. Due to the fact the service member is not paying federal taxes, his/her income will increase and may render themselves ineligible to receive FSSA.

Powers of Attorney (POA): Specific language is required on a Special Power of Attorney for a dependent or designated representative to make changes to a service member's military pay account. General Powers of Attorney (with no specific language) only allow the designee to obtain an LES from the DMPO. If a POA has been revoked let us know so we know you do not want this person to act on your behalf any longer. **NOTE:** The DMPO does not have to acknowledge nor accept POA.

SGLI Reimbursement: As of June 1, 2014 the following countries are authorized locations for SGLI Reimbursement: Afghanistan, Bahrain, Djibouti, Jordan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Philippines, Qatar, Syria, Tajikistan, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, and Yemen. The reimbursements are normally processed the month after the qualifying month. The reimbursement will show in the "Entitlements" column of the LES.

For questions contact DMPO Customer Service at (785) 239 – 6188 or DSN 856-6188.