



Task Force Southwest Family Brief

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AGENDA



- Introductions
- Orientation
- Administration
- Chaplain
- Public Affairs Officer
- Family Readiness Officer
- Closing comments

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INTRODUCTIONS

- Commanding General- BGen Roger Turner
- Deputy Commander- Col Matt Reid
- Chief of Staff- LtCol John Golden
- Sergeant Major- SgtMaj Darrell Carver
- Family Readiness Officer- Mrs. Suzanne McCurry
- Chaplain- Chaplain Daniel Curtis



ORIENTATION



Why Afghanistan matters:

- Many of the world's terrorist groups come from this part of the world. We don't want Afghanistan to become a terrorist haven again.
- It is important to keep pressure on these groups for regional stability and help protect our homeland.
- We're going there to sustain a friendly government so we can have a partner in Afghanistan.



ORIENTATION: AFGHANISTAN





HISTORY OF CONFLICT





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ANA AND ANP

Afghan National Army



Afghan National Police



(U) Analyst Comment: ANA and ANP are recruited from across the country, so many are not from Helmand. They may be Tajik, Uzbek, or Hazara, and some speak very little Pashto. Helmand may be as foreign a place to them as it is to you.

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ADMINISTRATION



- Mail
- Pay and Allowances
- Savings Deposit Program
- Wills & Powers of Attorney
- Red Cross Messages
- Casualty Care/Notification



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MAIL



- Address

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- USPS Priority Shipping
 - ~7-13 Day Delivery Time
 - Discount for Large Flat-Rate Priority Boxes
- UPS/FedEx: Can't ship to APO/FPO
- Customs Forms
- Non-Mailables – Follow USPS Guidelines

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PAY AND ALLOWANCES

The following entitlements will be reported via unit diary on all Marines deploying to **AFGHANISTAN**

- Deployed Per Diem: \$3.50/Day = ~\$105/Month
- Imminent Danger Pay (IDP): \$7.50/Day = \$225/Month
- Hardship Duty Pay Location (HDP-L): \$100 a month
- Hardship Duty Pay Tempo (HDP-T): \$16.50/Day = ~\$495/Month
 - 221+ days of service in HDP location
 - MarAdmin 574/16 (Expires 30 Sept 17)
- Family Separation Allowance (FSA-T): \$250/Month
 - **Marines with dependents only**
- Basis Allowance for Subsistence (BAS)
 - Enlisted: ~\$370/Month
 - Officers: ~\$250/Month
- Combat Zone Tax Exclusion (CZTE)

Approximate Totals

Enlisted: (S) \$800 + CZTE

Enlisted: (D) \$1050 + CZTE

Officers: (S) \$680 + CZTE

Officers: (D) \$970 + CZTE

****2-3 Paychecks before Pay/Allowances fully processed****



SAVINGS DEPOSIT PROGRAM

- Available only to those serving in designated combat zones.
- May deposit all or part of their un-allotted pay into a DOD savings account up to \$10,000 during a single deployment. Savings Deposit Program (SDP) allows members to earn ten percent interest per year, compounded quarterly (2.5% per quarter).
 - Although federal income earned in hazardous duty zones is tax-free, interest accrued on earnings deposited into the SDP is taxable.
- **Process:** DD 2558 filled out and submitted to IPAC via J-1.
- **Withdrawal:** Withdrawal of deposits may be requested 90 days after entitlement to IDP terminates (Automatic).



WILLS & POA

- Dependent on Situation
- Legal Services
 - (910) 451-7085/9731

****Can't adjust Marines pay/Allotments****



RED CROSS MESSAGES

Red Cross Hero Care Center

- 24 Hours/Day, 7 Days/Week, 365 Days/Year
- 1-877-272-7337
- <http://www.redcross.org/get-help/military-families/emergency-communication>
 - Rank, Name, Branch of Service, SSN, Information about deployed unit, Name/Contact for immediate family, Where emergency can be verified (Hospital/Doctor)
- ****Does not guarantee Emergency Leave****



CASUALTY CARE/NOTIFICATION



- Notification: Handled by HQMC Casualty Branch
 - Death: In Person (If multiple NOK identified, done at same time)
 - SI/VSI: Done via telephone
- Casualty Assistance Calls Officer (CACO)
 - SNCO/Officer assigned by HQMC
 - Assist the family
 - Mortuary Affairs
 - Funeral-related activities
 - Apply for benefits



CASUALTY CARE/NOTIFICATION



- Entitlements
 - SGLI: \$400,000
 - Death Gratuity: \$100,000 (Assist w. immediate living expenses of Marine)
 - Invitational Travel Orders (ITO)
 - Funeral Expenses
 - Arrears of Pay & Allowances

****Record of Emergency Data: Validate Info****



CHAPLAIN

- Personal Growth while deployed
 - Opportunities for individual Marines
 - Combat / Operational Stress and growth
 - Personal and spiritual support: both deployed and on the homefront
- Communication with families
 - Opportunities, challenges and limits
 - Red Cross messages and care for Marines
 - Casualty notifications and care for families



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PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER

- OPSEC and Social Media Guidance
 - Timelines
 - Locations
 - Operations
 - Rumor control
- TFSW Facebook Page
 - www.facebook.com/TFSouthwest
- DVIDS TFSW Feature Page
 - <https://www.dvidshub.net/feature/taskforcesouthwest>
- PAO POC: Maj. Kendra Motz
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FAMILY READINESS OFFICER

INFORMATION & RESOURCES

INFORMATION: All information will be provided by email. Please verify that you are currently receiving updates from the FRO

RESOURCES: Resources are available both locally and nationwide.

1. USO
2. MCFTB - Marine Corps Family Team Building
3. AMERICAN RED CROSS
4. EFMP - Exceptional Family Member Program
5. FOCUS - Families Overcoming Under Stress
6. Base Education Center
7. FMEAP – Family Member Employment Assistance Program
8. Outdoor Adventures
9. NAVY RELIEF
10. WIC - Women, Infant & Children Program
11. NEW PARENT SUPPORT PROGRAM
12. CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAM
13. MILITARY ONE SOURCE
14. MFLC – Military Family Life Counselors

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FAMILY READINESS OFFICER

EVENTS

1. Tuesday Feb 21st: 1800 Family Readiness Volunteer Meeting – Bldg 419
2. Thursday March 9th : 1200-1300 Spouses Luncheon and Resource Binder Class - Location TBD



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DEPUTY COMMANDER

Col Reid



COMMANDING GENERAL

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