



# BRAVO DETACHMENT, 176TH FINANCE BATTALION

## FINANCE NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2003

The purpose of this monthly newsletter is to inform the soldiers in Area III of finance issues. Our goal is to keep you informed so that we can work as a team to better serve the soldiers on Camp Humphreys and Area III.

### OHA/MIHA Utilities Survey

The DoD Per Diem Committee is conducting an OHA/MIHA utilities survey to determine average utility and moving expenses incurred by soldiers who reside in off-post housing. Soldiers should have a basic understanding of their utilities and moving expenses before they complete the survey located at [www.milsurveys.com/OHA](http://www.milsurveys.com/OHA) or at the 175th FINCOM Website. The data collected from this survey may cause an increase in monthly utilities allowance and MIHA and therefore raise the standard of living for soldiers residing off-post. Please complete the survey by 31 January 2004. We need your input.

### Electronic W2s

Military members and Department of Defense civilian employees will have access to view, print, and save their 2003 tax statements from the myPay website at <https://mypay.dfas.mil>. The Defense Finance and Accounting Service is projecting the tax statements will be posted on myPay during the following periods:

	No earlier than:	No later than:
<b>Military Annuitants</b>	12/13/2003	12/18/2003
<b>DoD civilians</b>	12/24/2003	12/29/2003
<b>Army Reserve And National Guard</b>	12/26/2003	01/01/2004
<b>Military retirees</b>	01/01/2004	01/05/2004
<b>Active Army Soldiers</b>	01/16/2004	01/26/2004

### Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) Survey

All military personnel in Korea are highly encouraged to complete the 2004 Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) survey available online at the FINCOM website (<http://175fincom.korea.army.mil>) during the period 9 January through 10 February 2004.

### Help Us Help You

- Please remember that finance is closed every Thursday for SGT's time training. We are always available for emergency situations, Red Cross messages, emergency PCS, and death gratuity payments to name a few. It is imperative to schedule your finance appointments with us in advance in order to avoid a wasted trip to finance from outlying areas. Failure to plan ahead does not constitute an emergency on our part. We are here to serve you but we do train on Thursdays.
- Ensure all new soldiers in-process finance. **Soldiers should in-process within 3 working days of their arrival. In-processing finance is very critical as it affects accurate payment of entitlements.** If a soldier does not in-process by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month they arrive and their entitlements change, they will be overpaid and have a debt to the government. It will also ensure that soldiers receive their LES at their unit. **Timely in processing of personnel will prevent pay problems.**

Look up new **2004 CONUS BAH Rates** by zip code at <http://www.dtic.mil/perdiem/bahform.html>.

### Finance Points of Contact

Detachment Commander-CPT Erving	753-8202	Chief Disbursing	753-8227
Detachment Sergeant-SFC Richardson	753-8203	Chief of Military Pay	753-8203
Customer Svc SSG Flowers	753-8210	Processing	753-8209
In/ Out Processing-SGT Sosa	753-8585	Travel	753-8215
Battalion Commander-LTC Kucharuk	725-8838	Battalion CSM	723-7959
175 <sup>th</sup> FINCOM WEBSITE			<a href="http://175fincom.korea.army.mil">http://175fincom.korea.army.mil</a>
Commander's Hotline for Unresolved Military or Civilian Pay Inquiries			725-CASH

#### OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Wednesday & Friday: 0900-1600  
Cashier Cage closes at 1600 daily.

NOTE: Finance is CLOSED every Thursday