

**AREA IV
COUGAR CHRONICLE**

December 2003

YOUR ROAD MAP TO MILITARY PAY ISSUES

OFFICE HOURS

Main Finance (Bldg 1685)

0900-1600 M-W, F

In & Out Proc. (Bldg 1103)

0900-1600 M-W, F

Camp Carroll (Bldg T-138)

0900-1600 M-W, F

Cust. Svc. 765-8697/8504/8774

Camp Hialeah (Bldg T-251)

0900-1600 M-W, F

763-7303/7370

FINANCE NUMBERS

Battalion Commander	725-8838
Battalion CSM	723-7959
Detachment Commander	768-8449
Detachment Sergeant	768-7979
Customer Service	768-6944/7519
Travel	768-7658
Disbursing	768-6927
Separations	768-7022/7416

FINANCE BRIEFINGS

In-processing Briefings are held from 0900-1100 M-W & F at Bldg 1685 for all Army soldiers in Area IV. Soldiers should have 7 copies of all orders, along with 5 copies of the following: plane tickets, DA 31, DA 4187 (for hometown recruiting), any statements of non-availability, and TDY/DLA advances.

Out-processing Briefings are held from 1000-1100 every Tuesday at the Camp Henry Theater. Soldiers should bring 7 copies of orders, a working copy of DA 31 (leave form), and 1 copy of travel itinerary or port-call. Soldiers assigned to Cp Hialeah can visit their local office for out-processing. Soldiers **MUST ATTEND** an Out-processing Briefing NLT 30 days before their DEROS.

NOTE: Starting in January, Camp Carroll will conduct its own out-processing briefing every Monday at the CAC from 1000-1100.

FINANCE HOTLINE

The 175th FINCOM accepts military and civilian pay inquiries at Korea-wide DSN 725-CASH and via the 175th FINCOM website.

PAC REPRESENTATIVES

Each Battalion has a finance representative assigned to their PACs for the purposes of tracking performance and dealing with issues.

765-7235	307 th SIG BN 6 th ORD BN 23 rd CHEM BN
765-8697	16 th MEDLOG USA MAT SUP
768-7416	20 th SPT GRP 19th TSC
768-6125	728th MP BN
763-7303	4 th QM 837 th TRANS 74 th SIGNAL
768-7022	36 th SIG BN 168 th MED BN 55 th MMC
768-6944	CSCT2 E Co, 160 th SOAR

HOT TOPICS

Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) and Moving In Housing Allowance (MIHA) 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 <http://www.milsurveys.com/OHA>. The data collected from this survey could adjust these allowances. Please complete the survey by 31 January 2004. We need your input.

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.

New CONUS BAH Rates go into effect on 1 Jan 2004. Many zip codes will see an increase over current rates. You may query the new rates at : <http://www.dtic.mil/perdiem/bahform.html>.