

**AREA IV  
COUGAR CHRONICLE**

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

**HOT TOPICS**

**TSP Open Season:** Open season for the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) began 15 October and runs through 31 December. TSP is a voluntary supplementary retirement savings and investment plan. TSP open season is the chance for service members to start or change the amount of their contributions to TSP. During the open season, soldiers can elect to contribute up to the **new limit of 9%** of their base pay plus up to 100% of incentive and special pays. The form to start or change TSP contributions, TSP-U-1, is available at the finance office or [www.tsp.gov](http://www.tsp.gov), where you can also find more valuable information about TSP. Soldiers can also begin participation in the TSP program from the myPay website: (<https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.asp>) during the open season.

**Family Separation Allowance (FSA):**

Public Law 108-106, The Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, signed into law 6 Nov 2003, extended the current rate of \$250 per month for Family Separation Allowance through Sep 2004.