

DIAMOND GAZETTE

YOUR ROAD MAP TO MILITARY PAY ISSUES

OFFICE HOURS

**Main Finance CP Henry (Bldg 1685)
& In/Out Processing CP Henry (Bldg 1103)**
0900-1500 M-W, F

Camp Carroll FST (Bldg T-138)
0900-1200, 1300-1500 M-W, F

Camp Hialeah FST (Bldg T-251)
0900-1200, 1300-1500 M-W, F

FINANCE NUMBERS

Battalion Commander	725-8838
Battalion CSM	723-7959
Detachment Commander	768-7575
Detachment Sergeant	768-8449
NCOIC In/Out processing	768-7416
NCOIC Travel	768-7528
Customer Service (CP Henry)	768-6944/7813/7519
Operations NCO CP Carroll	765-7235
Customer Service (CP Carroll)	765-8504/8774
Operations NCO CP Hialeah	763-7370

31 March - 30 April 2003

Cost Of Living Allowance (COLA) Survey

Payment of COLA is designed to give service members living in high cost areas outside the U.S. the purchasing power of service members living in the U.S. A new COLA survey will be administered in the Republic of Korea from 31 March 03 to 30 April 03. The survey is located on the 175th FINCOM website at <http://175fincom.korea.army.mil/>. This new COLA survey is designed to more accurately measure living patterns of service members in Korea. All service members are encouraged to participate.

Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) Open Season

The Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) is a Federal Government-sponsored retirement savings and investment plan. The TSP is designed to allow soldiers to save a part of their military pay in a retirement plan that offers pre-tax savings, tax-deferred investment earnings, and low administrative and overhead expenses. Soldiers can even borrow against their TSP balances at a low interest rate (currently 3.875%) provided that they maintain at least \$1000 in their accounts. The next open season to enroll in TSP begins April 15th and ends June 30th 2003. Soldiers may enroll or make changes from the myPay website (<https://myPay.dfas.mil/emss.htm>) or complete and submit TSP Form U-1 to Finance. The form is available for download from the TSP website: <http://www.tsp.gov/>.

FINANCE SUPPORT FOR RSOI AND OTHER THEATER EXERCISES

The 175th Finance Command (FINCOM) is committed to providing world-class finance and accounting support in the Republic of Korea. This support is not limited to those assigned to Korea, but also extends to those who visit to participate in major training exercises conducted in Korea. In an effort to provide the best possible customer service during Theater Exercises, units within the 175th Finance Command will conduct Finance Support Team (FST) missions at Life Support Areas (LSA) throughout the peninsula. The primary mission of the FST's (Finance Support Teams) during Theater Exercises will be to deploy throughout Areas I, II, III, and IV and provide military pay support to both Active Duty and Reserve personnel. For more information please go to the following link <http://175fincom.korea.army.mil/Press/Exercises.htm>

FINANCE WEBSITES

- <http://175fincom.korea.army.mil>
- www.dfas.mil/myPay
- <http://www.dtic.mil/perdiem/ohaform.html>

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