



BRAVO DETACHMENT, 176TH FINANCE BATTALION

S1 NEWSLETTER

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The purpose of this newsletter is to assist the PACs in Area III, and update them on finance related issues. Our goal is to keep you informed so that we can work as a team to better serve the soldiers on Camp Humphrey's and Area III.

PAC Certification Course

The next PAC certification course is scheduled for the 20th of November. We would like to personally thank each and everyone for their dedication and caring of our soldiers pay entitlements. We intend to recognize PACs each month that achieve a 95% timeliness rate for documents submitted to our Finance Office. The commander, 176th Finance Battalion, will also award a Certificate of Achievement to those PACs that maintain 95% timeliness for an entire quarter.

We proudly recognize and congratulate the following PACs that achieved a 95% or higher timeliness rate for the month of September: **DCS, OSAN, 560TH MED CO, 568TH MED CO, 249TH ENG BN, JTAGS, 62ND CHEM, 6TH REGT. 2ND MP, A 304TH SIGNAL, 348TH QM, and 501ST SIG BN**

Unit Commander's Finance Report

The unit commander's finance report (UCFR) is a valuable tool to get commanders involved with their soldiers pay issues. When used correctly, the UCFR can be an effective tool in monitoring and resolving soldier's pay issues at unit level. It is imperative for the commanders to certify and return the UCFR to finance within the 10-day suspense. **Commander/1SG do not take it lightly, your soldiers are counting on you. Thanks.**

Help us help you

The latest change is for **Thrift Saving Plan (TSP) 50-50 CATCH-UP**, concerning **officers in the CZTE area**. TSP's 50-50 is contributions made from deferred Basic Pay, only, for participants who are contributing Basic Pay at the maximum 8% or in a manner that will allow them to reach the deferred \$12k limit. In addition, service member must be 50 years old, by 31 Dec 03, to be eligible. The change is for officers, who basic pay exceeds the CZTE cap of \$5957.70 (O5 over 16years and greater) to be eligible to contribute the excess Basic Pay to CATCH-UP.

Finance Team Representatives

	<u>Team 1</u>	<u>Team 2</u>	<u>Team 3</u>	<u>Team 4</u>
POC:	SGT Davis	SGT Rich	SGT Brown	SSG Flowers
Units:	377 th Med C Det, 168 th Med 560 th Med 568 th Med A, 304 th Sig 501 st Sig HHD, 194 th Maint HHC, USASA HHC, 23 rd ASG	1/43 ADA 1/6 th Cav 3/6 th Cav HQ, 6 th Cav 3 rd Maint	62 nd Chem B Det, 516 th PSB 2/52 nd Avn 249 th Eng 46 th Trans 52 nd Ord D, 58 th Avn Regt	527 th MI B Com 532 nd MI 3 rd MI 249 th MP 557 th MP 3 rd BCD JTAGS DCS, Osan 6 th Regt, 2 nd MP Det

Other Finance Points of Contact

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Wednesday & Friday: 0900-1600
Cashier Cage closes at 1500 daily.

NOTE: Finance is CLOSED every Thursday