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SUBJECT OF MEETING: Army Family Action Plan (AFAP), General Officer Steering Committee (GOSC)

DATE OF MEETING: 25 August 2025, 1300-1500

PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION: Army-wide and AFAP GOSC members

PURPOSE: Provide summary of 25 August 2025, Summer AFAP GOSC Meeting and tasks

MEETING ATTENDEES: VCSA, DAS, SMA, DCS G-1, DPPR, OSD, DHA, Army Secretariat officials, the Army Staff, Commanders, Command Sergeants Major, AFAP GOSC Charter Members, Army Senior Leader Spouses, representatives from AUSA, CHRA, DSLO, Retiree Council and the Veterans Affairs.

OPENING REMARKS: LTG Eifler opened the meeting by providing remarks, and in turn introduced the VCSA who also provided opening remarks.

Notes from Opening Remarks:

- Introduction of Head Table – VCSA, DAS (58th), SMA, DAS (59th) and Ms. Geise (DCS G-1 DPPR).
- VCSA talked about discussing with fellow Vice's, to determine if there is interest in doing kind of off cycle in between AFAP GOSC meetings to meet and discuss joint issues, kind of like a JFAP (Joint Family Action Plan).

AFAP GOSC Meeting: VCSA and SMA chaired the 25 August 2025 Summer AFAP GOSC meeting.

Agenda included:

- Administrative Notes
- Update and Discussion of 29 Active AFAP Issues
- Introduction and Discussion of 17 proposed New AFAP Issues

Discussion of Active AFAP Issues:

+ **Issue #769: Employment Priority Placement for all Surviving Spouses.**
Proponent: G-1. Issue Status: ACTIVE.

- Ms. Geise presented this issue. Legislative Proposal (LP) was not prioritized by Army, however, OSD (MC&FP) have adopted the LP - Modification of Hiring Preference Eligibility to Include Remarried Widows and Widowers of Certain Veterans. It is currently within OSD top 20 for submission. This proposal would

allow surviving spouses to exercise Derived Veterans' Preference after remarriage. **Discussion:** Focused on joint solution. **Way Ahead:** Monitor the status of OSD's LP.

 **Issue #773: Remarried Surviving Spouses Retain SBP. Proponent: G-1. Issue Status: ACTIVE.**

- Ms. Geise presented this issue. This issue was not prioritized as a LP in this cycle, however, there are pieces of legislation in the House and the Senate, The Love Lives On Act. There are 70 sponsors in the Senate, and 70 in the House. We will continue to monitor this LP. **Discussion:** Focused on joint solution, WWII era law, and Survivors cohabitating versus doing what they want to do. **Way Ahead:** Issue was forwarded to GSAC and will continue to monitor the proposed "Love Lives On Act" and continue engagement with OSD and the other Services.

 **Issue #774: Distribution of Death Benefits Under the HEART Act of 2008. Proponent: OTJAG. Issue Status: ACTIVE.**

- Ms. Carlisle presented this issue. LP was prioritized for the FY27 LPs. LP will extend the time from 12 months to 36 months, to allow Survivors to put their benefits into a Roth IRA, or tax beneficial IRA. **Discussion:** No discussion. **Way Ahead:** Continue to monitor LP.

 **Issue #778: Guardian Access to SBP Annuity Information for Surviving Children. Proponent: G-1. Issue Status: COMPLETE.**

- Issue was not briefed. **Resolution:** Improved Program and/or Service. DFAS confirmed process, created training and education which has been distributed to the LNOs for the Retirement Services Officers (RSOs), Casualty Assistance Centers (CACs), and Survivor Outreach Services (SOS) Coordinators, SAWG members and Army-wide. **Discussion:** No discussion. **Way Ahead:** Issue is closed as complete.

 **Issue #751: Official Designation of Remote and Isolated U.S. Installations. Proponent: G-1/ASA M&RA. Issue Status: ACTIVE.**

- Ms. Stoneburg presented this issue. officially developed a mechanism to assess whether a location is remote and/or isolated. All data has been applied; we incorporated the deployed population (at VCSA direction) into that mechanism as well. List of Army R&I Installations is currently out for Army wide staffing with a suspense of 12 September. Army is ahead of schedule for submission to OSD by March 2026. **Discussion:** Once list is published, will close out as AFDAP Issue and move to resourcing. **Way Ahead:** ASA M&RA has staffed the proposed list of Remote and Isolated locations for Army-wide staffing. Once complete, list will

be presented to ASL for final decision.

⊕ **Issue #717: Priority Assignment Preference on a Remote and Isolated Installation. Proponent: G-1. Issue Status: ACTIVE.**

- Issue was not briefed. HRC will begin analyzing the impact on proposed R&I installations, however, OSD published a mandate that will incrementally reduce the PCS budget by 10% each year. HRC will continue to work with these Soldiers on their individual follow-on assignments. **Discussion:** No discussion. **Way Ahead:** HRC will continue to work with these Soldiers on their individual follow-on assignments.

⊕ **Issue #718: Two-Year Remote and Isolated Duty Assignment. Proponent: G-1. Issue Status: ACTIVE.**

- Issue was not briefed. HRC will begin analyzing the impact on proposed R&I installations, however, OSD published a mandate that will incrementally reduce the PCS budget by 10% each year. HRC will continue to work with these Soldiers on their individual follow-on assignments. **Discussion:** No discussion. **Way Ahead:** HRC will continue to work with these Soldiers on their individual assignments.

⊕ **Issue #757: Post 911 GI Bill. Proponent: G-1. Issue Status: ACTIVE.**

- Ms. Geise presented this issue. This issue was to go before the Joint Executive Committee (JEC), however, the JEC did not end up meeting last quarter. Mr. Wallace has proposed to put it on the agenda again. **Discussion:** Focused on joint solution, closing this issue, opening a new issue, tying the LP to Family readiness, as well as recruitment and retention. **Way Ahead:** G-1 prepare formal coordination and re-engage with JEC. G-1 prepare a new AFAP issue with recommendation to: Modify the Post-9/11 GI Bill to include payments for monetary loans, college loans, small business loans, and low-interest home loans

• **Due Out –**

- DCS G-1 draft new AFAP Issue - # 789 – Adapting the Post-9/11 GI Bill to the modern Soldier Experience.
- DCS G-1 meet with DAS 59 on possibility of combining all Post 9/11 GI Bill issues.

⊕ **Issue #780: BAH Reform. Proponent: G-1. Issue Status: ACTIVE.**

- Ms. Geise presented this issue. Department of Review of Military

Compensation study has been completed. There were three recommendations that are outlined in the read ahead, that the QRMC will be adopting FY25, FY26, and FY27. However, it does not address the dynamic and adaptable BAH adjustment. **Discussion:** Focused on changing the mindset of the conference – dynamic vs one-year mindset. **Way Ahead:** G-1 and OCLL will continue to work and monitor the HASC has language in section 624 and the SASC has language in section 603.

⊕ **Issue #715: Increase to Family Service Group Life Insurance Coverage.**

Proponent: G-1. Issue Status: **ACTIVE**.

- Ms. Geise presented this issue. Issue needs to be addressed through the JEC. We need to help servicemembers understand it will be at the Servicemember's cost. Expanding the threshold from \$100,000 to \$200,000 in SGLI is do-able. We need to work with the VA on this issue. **Discussion:** Focused on VA survey results showing ample satisfaction with FSGLI, the need for data to support request, and a joint solution. **Way Ahead:** Ensure joint coordination with the VA on this issue.

⊕ **Issue #743: Second Privately Owned Vehicle (POV) OCONUS Entitlement.**

Proponent: G-1/G-4. Issue Status: **UNATTAINABLE**.

- BG Maddox presented this issue. The law allows it, however, the JTR is not approved. The Marine Corps has the lead, and it seems like they have some hesitancy due to some issues with the budget concerns. We are working with them to clarify this. **Discussion:** Focused on services don't want to say no, but do not really want to support due to cost. Consensus was to close issue as unattainable. **Way Ahead:** Issue is closed as unattainable.

⊕ **Issue #746: Command Sponsorship for Newborns of OCONUS Active Duty**

Soldiers with less than 12 months of Assignment. Proponent: G-1. Issue Status: **ACTIVE**.

- Ms. Geise presented this issue. G-1 has prepared a blanket ETP while we await the publishing of DoDI 1315.18. ETP is being staffed with SECARMY for signature. **Discussion:** Focused on the language of the DoDI and ETP. **Way Ahead:** G-1 will push the ETP through the SecArmy office for signature and distribution to the Army while waiting on the publishing of DoDI.

⊕ **Issue #759: PCS Claims Process.** Proponent: G-4. Issue Status: **ACTIVE**.

- BG Maddox presented this issue. The global household goods contract with GHC was cancelled on 18 June. The HomeSafe Connect (HSC) platform, which is responsible for the claims process, and that was under this contract. The Joint

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PCS Task Force is reviewing the entire process and will be providing an update to the SECDEF on 5 September. **Discussion:** Focused on moving under the direction of the SECDEF. **Way Ahead:** Monitor the Task Force recommendations to the SECDEF and implement any changes.

⊕ **Issue #761: Move.mil Vulnerability Resulting in Danger to Victims of Domestic Violence. Proponent: G-4. Issue Status: COMPLETE.**

- Issue was not briefed. **Resolution:** Improved Program and/or Service. A specific module was created in DPS to book/track Safety Moves. This is secure and only accessible to a special group of counselors. All personal data is protected with pseudo information only available to the counselor and the victims. The Safety Move Module deployed 15 June 2023 and to date, since tracking began August 2023, there have been an average, 100 Safety Moves per year with zero discrepancies. **Discussion:** No discussion. **Way Ahead:** Issue is closed as complete.

⊕ **Issue #776: Dependency Determinations in Support of Military Families with Incapacitated Adult Children. Proponent: OTJAG. Issue Status: ACTIVE.**

- Ms. Carlisle presented this issue. We determined this is going to require a legislative change. OTJAG is currently working an FY28 LP to modify Title X, to allow sponsors to retain their incapacitated adult children as dependents. **Discussion:** No discussion. **Way Ahead:** Draft and submit a legislative change to the statutory language to expand the criteria for support.

⊕ **Issue #782: Child and Youth Services (CYS) Child Behavioral Specialist Support. Proponent: G-1. Issue Status: ACTIVE.**

- Ms. Geise presented this issue. The Army right now has CYS nursing staff special needs program managers. Army has joined OSD MC&FP on the Special Needs Inclusion Coordinator Pilot with staff at Fort Carson and JBLM. The pilot is ongoing, observing and trying to better understand what the needs are in the community. Recommend keeping this open and monitor the pilot program. **Discussion:** Focused on early intervention programs, training, and checking on this at the mid-point IPR. **Way Ahead:** Continue to monitor the pilot program and identify COAs to provide additional support and training for classroom staff to support children experiencing challenging behaviors. Recruit additional Special Needs Program Managers (SNPM)/Special Needs Inclusion Coordinators (SNIC) for installations submitting an approved business case.

⊕ **Issue #702: Army-wide Voluntary Re-Assignment Program for Civilian Employees. Proponent: G-1. Issue Status: COMPLETE.**

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- This issue was not briefed. **Resolution:** Improved Program and/or Service. The Army created Department of the Army Voluntary Reassignment Program (DAVRAP) which launched in May 2025. DAVRAP is an internal, voluntary program for current Army civilian employees to apply for different positions within the Department of the Army. It allows hiring managers to fill vacant positions non-competitively with qualified internal candidates, which speeds up the hiring process and helps retain valuable talent, skills, and institutional knowledge within the Army. There are currently over 900 current Army employees registered in the program. **Discussion:** No discussion. **Way Ahead:** Issue is closed as complete.

 **Issue #750: Taxation of Moving Expense Reimbursement for DoD Civilians.**

Proponent: G-1. Issue Status: **ACTIVE**.

- Ms. Geise presented this issue. OMB is not willing to change the law for taxing. The law is Tax Credit Job Act in 2017 that was extended. We need a legislative proposal for this, or if it needs to go to the Ways and Means Committee to be enacted. **Discussion:** Focused on understanding and meeting the intent of the law, costs per move, and how this is negatively affecting the civilian force. **Way Ahead:** Continue to gather and consolidate information and develop and submit a LP.

 **Issue #768: Routine Health Assessment for DA Firefighters.** Proponent: G-1.

Issue Status: **ACTIVE**.

- MG Farris presented this issue. OTSG has drafted the directive and waiting to give it to the Office of the Provost Marshal so it can be appropriately staffed. Request to keep active to ensure work is completed and directive published. **Discussion:** Focused on the three additional lab test and costs associated. **Way Ahead:** OTSG coordinate with OPMG personnel to staff the Army Directive.

 **Issue #785: Cost of Living / Locality Pay.** Proponent: G-1. Issue Status:

COMPLETE.

- This issue was not briefed. **Resolution:** Improved Program and/or Service. OPM strongly encourages components to utilize the tools available to them such as Special Salary rate tables and 3R incentives to assist them with overcoming recruitment/retention challenges and for Commands to narrow their challenges down to a specific region and series, where a Special Salary Rate table would potentially be a viable option. **Discussion:** No discussion. **Way Ahead:** Issue is closed as complete.

 **Issue #786: OCONUS On Post Healthcare for DA Civilians.** Proponent:

OTSG/DHA. Issue Status: **ACTIVE**.

- MG Farris and Ms. Ortega presented this issue. ASD HA sent forward to P&R

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and we recommend continuing to monitor pilot. Pilot will be extended in Japan for another full year. We want to ensure that we are making the mark and meeting the original intent of the needs. DHA is actively collecting the service data to assess the pilot. **Discussion:** Focused on advertising this program and utilization. **Way Ahead:** Continue to advertise and monitor status of OSD HA OCONUS/Japan access to care initiatives to inform future decisions on OCONUS healthcare for DA civilians.

✚ **Issue #697: Active Duty Soldier TRICARE Alternative Medical Services.** Proponent: OTSG/DHA. Issue Status: **UNATTAINABLE.**

- MG Farris presented this issue. This version of this one has been open since 2017. The first time it came open was in 2002, actually, 1999 to 2002. It was closed because it was unattainable at too high of a cost and at that time, the cost was \$188 million. The cost is if we were to do it just for one year, would be \$64 million and over a 10-year period of time, it would be \$778 million. The cost is just too unattainable in this space. **Discussion:** Focused on cost and use flexible spending accounts to reimburse TRICARE. **Way Ahead:** Issues 697 and 698 will be closed as unattainable. A new issue # 790 – Title to be determined (Alternative medicine) will be created.
- **Due Outs** – OTSG to draft Issue Title, Scope and Recommendation for new AFAP Issue # 790 – Reimbursable Alternative Medicine for Active Duty Soldiers.

✚ **Issue #698: Active Duty Soldier TRICARE Chiropractic Coverage.** Proponent: OTSG/DHA. Issue Status: **UNATTAINABLE.**

- MG Farris discussed this issue with #697.

✚ **Issue #752: Access to Behavioral Health Care for Active Duty Service Members and Dependents who are Victims of Sexual Trauma.** Proponent: OTSG/DHA. Issue Status: **ACTIVE.**

- MG Farris presented this issue. NDAA 2025, Section 701, has language that addresses part of these two issues. 752 and 753. It is currently with ASD HA to implement, and we're waiting for those implementation rule and how they are going to implement money towards paying for cost shares. **Discussion:** Focused on the amount of work being done in this space. **Way Ahead:** Standing by for HA to implement language from NDAA 2025, Section 701. Draft language for the Hill.

✚ **Issue #753: Access to Behavioral Health Care for Department of Defense (DoD) Civilians who are Victims of Sexual Trauma.** Proponent: OTSG/DHA. Issue Status: Active.

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- MG Farris discussed this issue with #752.

⊕ **Issue #754: Remote Access to Behavioral Health Care for Soldiers and Families.** Proponent: OTSG/DHA. Issue Status: **COMPLETE**.

- Issue was not briefed. **Resolution:** Improved Program and/or Service. All TRICARE eligible beneficiaries (Active Duty Service Members (ADSM), Active Duty Family Members (ADFM), retirees and their Family members enrolled in Prime or Select), with the exception of TRICARE for Life (TFL) are eligible to receive telemedicine services. DHA offers Tele-behavioral Health (TBH) services via the provider TeleMynd in both the East and West regions. Managed Care Support Contractors (MCSCs) are rapidly expanding availability of TBH services; the T-5 MCSC contract and BRAVE Program offer further opportunities for filling in any gaps. Sec. 714: NDAA25 Health care licensure portability for THP: Mental Healthcare providers providing care to ADSM and dependents; authorizes SecDef to allow mental health providers to provide tele-mental health to members of the Armed Forces and their dependents without regard to the location of the provider or the patient. **Discussion:** No discussion. **Way Ahead:** Issue is closed as complete.

⊕ **Issue #762: Mental Health Services for Dependents on or Near the Installation.** Proponent: OTSG/DHA. Issue Status: **COMPLETE**.

- Issue was not briefed. **Resolution:** Improved Program and/or Service. DHA has taken steps to improve provider incentives in the upcoming T-5 contract, including enhancing tele-behavioral health access through contract with national telehealth providers and with local network and non-network providers who participate in telehealth. DHA offers Tele-behavioral Health services via the provider TeleMynd in both the East and West regions. These services are available to TRICARE-eligible beneficiaries in all 50 states. Managed Care Support Contractors (MCSCs) are expanding availability of TBH services. These services will feature even more prominently within the upcoming T5 MCSC contract. BRAVE has a current contract ceiling of 11 medication prescribers, 26 psychologists, 42 clinical social workers and assorted clinical and administrative support staff. BRAVE continues to seek to expand services and on-board new providers. **Discussion:** No discussion. **Way Ahead:** Issue is closed as complete.

⊕ **Issue #764: OCONUS Behavioral Health Care Services for Space Available Beneficiaries.** Proponent: OTSG/DHA. Issue Status: **ACTIVE**.

- Ms. Ortega presented this issue. DHA monitors the mental health care across several initiatives. Particularly over the past year, DHA has expanded ability to develop Behavioral Health Resources and Virtual Experience, commonly known as BRAVE. BRAVE was able to support about 550 Army Soldiers in a month

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through secure video conferencing and audio only telemedicine visits. DHA is also looking at expanding that space across OCONUS. Additionally, DHA is using – Telemynd, which is a TRICARE approved provider which is ensuring beneficiaries can access quality mental health service using telepsychiatry, teletherapy services that are tailored both to active duty veterans and as well, dependent and families. **Discussion:** Focused on shortage of behavioral health providers, how telehealth has been a huge benefit, Military One Source, partnering with G-1 programs and triaging Soldiers at the lowest level using existing resources such as Chaplains. **Way Ahead:** OTSG and DHA will continue to work in this space.

⊕ **Issue #787: Service/Family Members Dropped from TRICARE Medical Coverage Unexpectedly.** Proponent: OTSG/DHA. Issue Status: **ACTIVE.**

- Ms. Geise presented this issue. This is not a TRICARE Issue, but a orders-writing issue. The IPPS-A Team identified two possible problems and fixes. They are developing solutions and a timeline to get those fixes. **Discussion:** Focused on the need for an ETP, LP and process of bringing on Guard and Reserve Soldiers. **Way Ahead:** IPPS-A team develop a Plan of Action and Milestones (POAM) to address the system fix and consider incorporating human factors to achieve the desired milestones by the August GOSC meeting.

Introduction and Discussion of Proposed New AFAP Issues:

⊕ **SU#3 - Childcare Eligibility Disparity for Survivors.** Origin: Fort Carson. Proponent: DCS G-1. Issue Status: **Approved – ACTIVE.**

- **Presentation/Discussion:** Issue will require a change in DoDI and will require collaboration with OSD and CFP. **Decision:** Approved and assigned new AFAP Issue number - #791. G-1 begin working issue to resolution.

⊕ **SU#2 - The Adjutant General (TAG) Authorization to Change a Line of Duty (LOD) Determinations.** Origin: USASOC. Proponent: DCS G-1. Issue Status: **DISAPPROVED.**

- **Presentation/Discussion:** Recommendation asks to remove the TAG as final approval authority in line of duty or not in line of duty deaths. The issue is in the Army Reg 600-8-4. Background, the Army processed 460 reportable death cases in FY23. Five percent or 23 were overturned by the TAG, and that's as the regulation is written, a preponderance of evidence that it was not line of duty. **Decision:** VCSA disapproved entering new issue into the AFAP process.

⊕ **SU#1 - Family Survivor benefits Under a Not in Line of Duty (NLD) Determination.** Origin: USASOC. Proponent: DCS G-1. Issue Status: **DISAPPROVED.**

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- **Presentation/Discussion:** Recommendation is to provide full Survivor benefits when a Family loses a Soldier not in the line of duty. The only difference in benefits and entitlements is the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP). **Decision:** VCSA disapproved entering new issue into the AFAP process.

⊕ **SS#4 - Travel pay and associated entitlements for Soldiers.** Origin: USASOC. Proponent: USAFMCOM. Issue Status: **DISAPPROVED.**

- **Presentation/Discussion:** All the benefits' and entitlements are processed through the military pay office. This may be an education issue that needs to be pursued. **Decision:** VCSA disapproved entering new issue into the AFAP process.

⊕ **SS#2 - Temporary Duty (TDY) Lodging Saving/Share for Soldiers.** Origin: USASOC. Proponent: DCS G-1. Issue Status: **DISAPPROVED.**

- **Presentation/Discussion:** Cost sharing with the government if Soldier finds cheaper lodging than what the per diem allows. This may have some cost savings merit, but also potential for placing Soldiers at risk, or they make choices for unsafe lodging conditions. **Decision:** VCSA disapproved entering new issue into the AFAP process.

⊕ **SS#1 - U.S. Army Human Resources Command Military Education.** Origin: HRC. Proponent: TRADOC. Issue Status: **DISAPPROVED.**

- **Presentation/Discussion: Issues asks to evaluate** distance learning for military officers with Families as an option to reduce Family turmoil. This is more tied to ATI and all the other transformation things we have been doing. **Decision:** VCSA disapproved entering new issue into the AFAP process.

⊕ **FS#1 - Childcare Fee Assistance.** Origin: USACE. Proponent: DCS G-1. Issue Status: **Approved – ACTIVE.**

- **Presentation/Discussion:** Issue is about expanding childcare fee assistance to allow parents to choose any daycare provider as long as it's properly licensed within the state. **Decision:** Approved and assigned new AFAP Issue number - #792. G-1 begin working issue to resolution.

⊕ **FS#3 - Tier/Level Determination for Childcare Pay.** Origin: USASOC. Proponent: DCS G-1. Issue Status: **Approved – ACTIVE.**

- **Presentation/Discussion:** Recommendation to charge a flat rate for every child if the Family is low-income after they require proof of eligibility. There is already authority at the command level to provide hardship waivers to Soldiers who are

experiencing difficulty paying their childcare fees. **Decision:** Issue is pending outcome of data from IMCOM. In the interim, issue is assigned Issue # 793.

- **Due out – G-1 and IMCOM triage issue, to determine how many ETPs are not granted when evidence is provided.**

 **FS#8 - Recalculate CDC Fees for Soldiers.** Origin: Fort Polk. Proponent: DCS G-1. Issue Status: **Approved – ACTIVE.**

- **Presentation/Discussion:** Issue is asking to recalculate fees only based on base pay vs total Family income. **Decision:** Approved and assigned new AFAP Issue number - #794. G-1 begin working issue to resolution.

 **CS#4 - Payment of Excess Sick Leave and Retirement Computations.** Origin: USACE. Proponent: DCS G-1. Issue Status: **Approved – ACTIVE.**

- **Presentation/Discussion:** When a civilian retires, if they have over 29 days of sick leave, that turns into retirement time. If you have under 29 days and 45 minutes, that is all surrendered to your retirement. This recommendation is to allow for payout of sick leave upon retirement. **Decision:** Approved and assigned new AFAP Issue number - #795. G-1 begin working issue to resolution.

 **CS#3 - DA Civilian and Active duty Spouse Admin Leave during PCS.** Origin: USACE. Proponent: DCS G-1. Issue Status: **DISAPPROVED.**

- **Presentation/Discussion:** Currently, the executive order allows for five paid admin days. This recommendation is to move from five to ten paid admin days upon a PCS. **Decision:** VCSA disapproved entering new issue into AFAP process.

 **CS#6 - Cost of Living Allowance/LQA for DoD Civilians.** Origin: USAG Hawaii. Proponent: DCS G-1. Issue Status: **Approved – ACTIVE.**

- **Presentation/Discussion:** This is authorizing DoD civilians to receive a higher cost of living allowance or LQA as in foreign OCONUS. **Decision:** Approved and assigned new AFAP Issue number - #796. G-1 begin working issue to resolution.

 **RS#1 - Amend Transferability of Post-9/11 GI Bill for Soldiers Eligible to Retire.** Origin: JBER Alaska. Proponent: DCS G-1. Issue Status: **Approved – ACTIVE.**

- **Presentation/Discussion:** Issue is to amend the post-9/11 GI Bill to allows Soldiers who have served 20 years or more the ability to transfer the GI Bill to their spouse or children without incurring additional service obligation. **Decision:** Approved and assigned an interim new AFAP Issue number - #797 pending the

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outcome of the discussion with Ms. Geise, LTG Eifler and DAS regarding combining and rewriting Post-9/11 GI Bill to incorporate a more holistic and modern approach.

 **RS#2 - Amend Transferability of Post-9/11 GI Bill for Retirees. Origin: JBER Alaska. Proponent: DCS G-1. Issue Status: Approved – ACTIVE.**

- **Presentation/Discussion:** Issue is to amend post-9/11 GI Bill to allow retirees to transfer their GI Bill to new spouses or newborn children after their retirement. **Decision:** Approved and assigned an interim new AFAP Issue number - #798 pending the outcome of the discussion with Ms. Geise, LTG Eifler and DAS regarding combining and rewriting Post-9/11 GI Bill to incorporate a more holistic and modern approach.

 **MH#1 - Active Duty Newborn Screening. Origin: USACE. Proponent: OTSG/DHA. Issue Status: Approved – ACTIVE.**

- **Presentation/Discussion:** Issue is about active duty newborn screening, align MTF standards for screening newborns with the Health and Human Services Secretary recommendation on uniform screening panels for newborns, 38 core diseases, 26 secondary diseases. **Decision:** Approved and assigned new AFAP Issue number - #799. OTSG and DHA begin working issue to resolution.

 **MH#14 - TRICARE Coverage for Young Adult Children. Origin: Fort Irwin. Proponent: OTSG/DHA. Issue Status: Approved – ACTIVE.**

- **Presentation/Discussion:** Issue is about TRICARE coverage for young adult children, with a recommendation to extend the age of childcare coverage for dependents from 21 to 26, regardless of school status, without accruing additional monthly costs. **Decision:** Approved and assigned new AFAP Issue number - #800. OTSG and DHA begin working issue to resolution.

 **MH#11 - Global In-Network Virtual Behavioral Health Options for TRICARE Beneficiaries. Origin: USAG Wiesbaden. Proponent: OTSG/DHA. Issue Status: DISAPPROVED.**

- **Discussion:** Recommendation here is to work closely with DHA in expanding BRAVE that we talked about a little earlier. **Decision:** VCSA disapproved new issue form entering AFAP process.

Notes from Closing Comments:

- VCSA - Anything from our colleagues or anybody around the room? All right, well, thanks for being here. Well done, thank you.

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Final Disposition of the 29 Active Issues discussed:

- Active - 20
- Complete - 6
- Unattainable – 3
- Created new issues - 2

Final Disposition of FY24 Proposed/Prioritized New AFAP Issues:

- Approved - 10
- Disapproved - 7

SUMMARY OF DUE OUTS/TASKS:

1. VCSA39: AFAP Issue #789: Adapting the Post-9/11 GI Bill to the modern Soldier Experience.

- Task: Draft new AFAP issue that encompasses all active Post-9/11 GI Bill and captures VCSA intent on modernizing the Post-9/11 GI Bill
- Deliverable Product: Provide written AFAP Issue (Title, Scope and Recommendation) per required format.
- OPR: G-1
- OCR: N/A
- S: 30 Sep 2025.

2. VCSA39: AFAP Issue #790 – Reimbursable Alternative Medicine for Active Duty Soldiers.

- Task: Draft new AFAP Issue addressing discussion from AFAP GOSC meeting on Reimbursable Alternative Medicine for Active Duty Soldiers. See EXSUM for further details.
- Deliverable Product: Provide written AFAP Issue (Title, Scope and Recommendation) per required format.
- OPR: G-1
- OCR: OTSG
- S: 30 Sep 2025.

3. VCSA39: AFAP Issue #793 – Tier/Level Determination of Childcare Pay

- Task: Triage issue, to determine how many ETPs are not granted when evidence is provided.
- Deliverable Product: Provide information to DCS G-1 DPRR.
- OPR: G-1

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- OCR: IMCOM
- S: 30 Sep 2025.

Way Ahead: The 2026 Winter AFAP GOSC will be held on 26 February 2026.

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Release Date: _____