Army Information Update

Because information is power, we are informing you each personally and inspiring you to pass it along.

Summer is moving season so we're continuing that theme this month. May's update shared moving tools, resources and tips. This month's focus is once the move is over.

TIPS TO HELP YOU JUMP INTO YOUR NEW COMMUNITY WITH CONFIDENCE

1. **MONEY**- moving is a great time to create or adjust financial plans and your budget. The Army has resources ready to help.

Check your LES (Leave & Earnings Statement) to be sure your BAH (Basic Housing Allowance) is correct for your new location.

 Box #52 VHA Zip (Variable Housing Allowance) is correct for your Soldier's new assigned duty station.

"Understanding Your LES" videos and PDFS:

- <u>"LES Details"</u> video by 10th Mountain Division (5:14)
- <u>"Decoding Your Leave and Earnings Statement</u>" video by DoD Financial Readiness (7:19)
- <u>"How to Read an LES"- Military Spouse</u> Version video (8:57)
 <u>Reading Your LES</u>- a PDF

Access your ACS (Army Community Service) <u>Financial Readiness Program.</u> Connect with a Personal Financial Counselor *FREE*!

Visit the DoD (Department of Defense) Financial Readiness Site. Call DFAS (Defense Finance & Accounting System) 1-888-332-7411

- 2. **HEALTHCARE-** Be sure your **Tricare Healthcare Plan** has moved with you. Find and connect with health providers in your new community. Don't wait until you are sick or have an emergency.
- 3. **CONNECTIONS-** Making new friends, navigating new schools, finding new jobs and establishing new networks is challenging. The Army has resources ready to help.
 - Attend Your Installation's Welcome Orientation *Kids are always welcome to join
 - These <u>SCHOOL RESOURCES</u> help you navigate a new school system.
 - These EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES help you tap into job and career opportunities
 - These CHILD CARE RESOURCES help you find quality, affordable child care
 - These <u>COMMUNITY CONNECTION RESOURCES</u> help you plug into your new community with confidence.

Our Goal: Every Army Spouse & Family are Aware of Big Army Information, Efforts, and Initiatives.