

Economic Security for Military Families

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Family Support

- No court order – check the regulations

Family Support
Understanding Housing Allowance
What's BAH?

FAMILY SUPPORT
•Child support guidelines

Family Support
How to Read an LES

DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE MILITARY LEAVE AND EARNINGS STATEMENT

MILITARY SERVICE		MILITARY LEAVE		MILITARY EARNINGS		MILITARY DEDUCTIONS		MILITARY BENEFITS	
DATE	TYPE	DATE	TYPE	DATE	TYPE	DATE	TYPE	DATE	TYPE
1	Basic Pay								
2	Incentive and Special Pay								
3	Entitlement								
4	Taxability issues								

REMARKS: YTD SERVICE _____ YTD BENEFIT _____

Child Support

- Understanding Military Pay
 - Basic Pay
 - Incentive and Special Pay
 - Entitlement
- Taxability issues

Spousal Support

- Matter of state law
- Most states have factors for spousal support
- Generally based on need and ability to pay.

Enforcement of Support

- Voluntary Allotment
- Wage Assignment
- Going to the Commanding Officer
- Inspector General (IG) complaint

Housing

- Government housing
- BAH after court ordered support

Transitional Compensation

- Money
- Benefits
- How to get it

Children's Benefits after Divorce

- Medical/Dental Benefits
 - Children
 - Step-children
- Commissary and Exchange privileges



Pension Benefits

- *"I have to be married to the servicemember for his entire career to get part of his pension."*

Pension Benefits

- Dividing Pension:
 - Entitlement in a divorce is based upon state law, not federal.
 - Federal law places some limitations.

Pension Benefits

- *“I have to be married to the servicemember for at least 10 years to get part of his pension.”*

Pension Benefits

- Dividing Pension: 10-10-10 Rule

Pension Benefits

- Waiving Pension to receive VA benefits

Pension Benefits

- Retention of Pension Benefits for Victims of Domestic Violence

Pension Benefits

- Don't forget the Thrift Savings Plan

Medical Benefits

- The 20-20-20 Rule
- The 20-20-15 Rule
- Medical insurance

Survivor Benefit Plan

- What the spouse gets by electing the SBP
- Who pays for it
- How a divorced spouse will lose it

QUESTIONS?
