

Care must be authorized

From Moncrief Army Community Hospital

Care must be authorized before obtaining urgent/acute medical care from a civilian facility or provider. Routine care is not authorized during block leave.

Follow these steps to ensure necessary care is received and bills are paid correctly.

EMERGENCY CARE

Emergency care entails treatment for potential loss of life, limb or eyesight.

- Call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room.
- Call or have someone from your family call the Military Medical Support Office within 24 hours toll free at (888) 647-6676. The MMSO is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., CST. From the selected menu options, select Medical Care Pre-authorization Assistance or the Customer Service option.

URGENT/ACUTE CARE

Urgent or acute care entails treatment that cannot wait until you return to Fort Jackson.

- Go to the nearest Military Treatment Facility or Veterans Administration Hospital. You may call your nearest U.S. Army Recruiting Office or the local American Red Cross for

assistance in locating the nearest MTF.

- If no MTF is available within 50 miles of your home, call the MMSO toll free at (888) 647-6676 and select the medical care pre-authorization assistance or customer service option.
- If you have any problems or questions, please call Moncrief Army Community Hospital at (803) 751-2571 or (803)751-2778 during duty hours.

HOSPITALIZATION

If you are hospitalized at a civilian hospital, contact the MMSO at (888) 647-6676. Select the Report Admission or Customer Service option and provide information regarding the circumstances. Your admission will be reported to the Patient Administration Office of the nearest Military Treatment Facility as soon as possible.

PHARMACY

While traveling, a Soldier can have prescriptions filled at a TRICARE network pharmacy if he or she presents a written prescription and his or her military ID card. To find a TRICARE pharmacy, call (866) 363-8779 or visit online at www.expresscripts.com/TRICARE.

Failure to follow these instructions may lead to problems in paying your medical bills.

SOLDIER STANDARDS WHILE TRAVELING AND DURING VICTORY BLOCK LEAVE

- Stay in proper uniform.
- No smoking.
- No drinking of alcohol.
- No sitting on the floor.
- No sleeping on the floor or across chairs.
- No pornography.
- No loud, obnoxious or obscene talking.
- Do not associate with local solicitors.
- Maintain control of personal bags at all times.
- Be aware of your environment.
- Report any suspicious behavior/packages to the nearest law enforcement.
- Do not discuss classified or personal information.
- Think OPSEC.
- Soldiers must present the following documents to the airlines when at the airport: military identification card, a copy of their BCT or AIT orders and a copy of their DA Form 31/Request for Leave. This will ensure Soldiers receive the waiver for airline baggage fees.

CONTACTS

Installation Operations Center (24 hours)
(803) 751-5166/5167

1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment (holdover battalion)
(803) 751-1160

American Red Cross (Armed Forces Emergency Services Center)
(877) 272-7337

Army Emergency Relief
(803) 751-5256

Defense Military Pay Office
(803)751-7243/6669

Greyhound Bus Ticket Office
(803) 751-4819

Victory Travel (airline)
(803) 751-5812

Installation Safety Office
(803) 751-7553

Military Police
(803) 751-3113/3115

Moncrief Army Community Hospital
(803) 751-2273

Training Support Battalion (Soldier Support Institute)
(803) 751-3616

369th Adjutant General Battalion
(803) 751-5439
(803) 237-6534

TRICARE Information (Humana)
(800) 444-5445

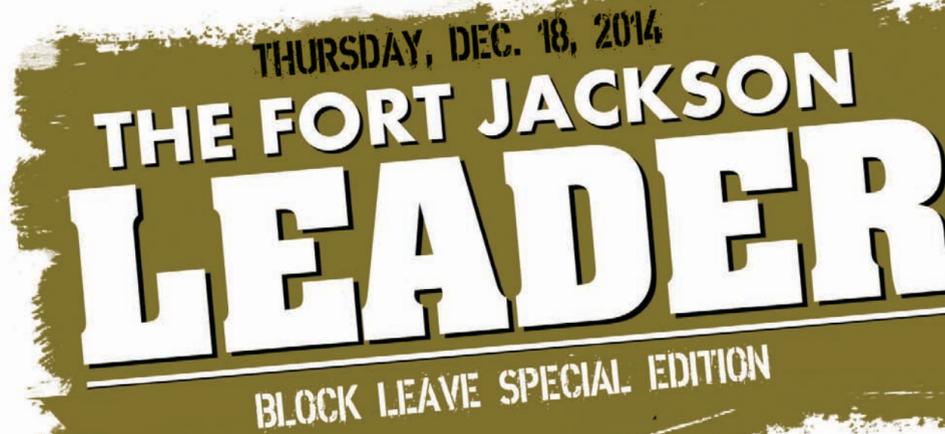
U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School
(803) 730-5885

171st Infantry Brigade
(803) 751-3302

193rd Infantry Brigade
(803) 751-6343

165th Infantry Brigade
(803) 751-5089

120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception)
(803) 751-7713



Happy trails

Knowing rules eases travel woes

From the Transportation Security Administration

Soldiers traveling during Victory Block Leave should be familiar with Transportation Security Administration guidelines.

The Transportation Security Administration salutes and appreciates the sacrifice of all of the men and women of the U.S. armed services. The following are some helpful hints for screening your person, carry-on bags and checked baggage to help you achieve a trouble-free travel experience at the airport.

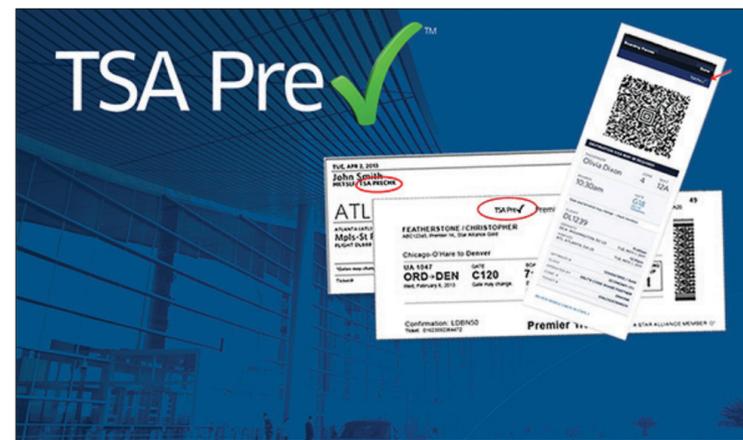
PRE CHECK FOR MILITARY

Members of the armed forces are entrusted to protect the security and values of citizens with their lives, and as such TSA recognizes that these members pose very little risk to aviation security. As part of an intelligence-driven, risk-based approach to security, TSA offers TSA Pre Check expedited screening benefits to active duty service members at select airports. Eligible service members include Reservist and National Guard members who possess a valid common access card.

SCREENING AND PACKING TIPS

When you arrive at the checkpoint, the following tips will assist you in getting through the screening process easily and efficiently:

- Keep boarding pass and ID available.



- Remove Class A uniform jacket, metal items in pockets, and metal belt buckle and submit them for X-ray screening.
- Military personnel in uniform with a valid military ID are not required to remove their footwear unless it alarms the walk-through metal detector.
- Check for prohibited items before departing for the airport.
- Use a TSA-recognized lock if you plan to lock your checked baggage.

TRANSPORT OF WEAPONS

Firearms, ammunition and firearm parts are prohibited in carry-on baggage and may only be transported in checked baggage. Firearms, ammunition and firearm parts are

- prohibited in carry-on baggage. If you have just returned from overseas duty or any assignment where you carried a gun or ammunition, please be sure to double check your belongings, particularly your carry-on bag, to make sure firearms, parts or ammunition are not present.
- Sharp objects and tools: You may not bring knives and certain tools in your carry-on luggage. Pack these items in your checked luggage. Please sheath or securely wrap any sharp objects in your checked luggage so that it does not injure baggage handlers and security officers.
- For a detailed list of items that are prohibited from the airplane, visit <http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/prohibited-items#4>.

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HRAP offers NG Soldiers opportunity to save leave

From the Defense Military Pay Office

National Guard Soldiers can save some of their leave time during Victory Block Leave by participating in the Hometown Recruiter Assistance Program, which allows new Soldiers to share their Army stories with youth in their hometown.

National Guard Basic Combat and Advanced Individual Training Soldiers who participate in the program are authorized up to 10 days of duty with their local recruiting office and are not charged leave for this period. National Guard Soldiers who wish to participate in this program must contact their local recruiting station upon arriving home.

Soldiers approved for HRAP must assist their hometown unit Recruiting and Retention Non-commissioned Officer (RRNCO) or their Officer Strength Manager/Warrant Officer Strength Manager (OSM/WOSM) in their recruiting and retention functions. This is verified on the DA Form 31, Block 17.

Travel expenses to and from the home recruiting station, are the responsibility of the Soldier.

Block 17 of the DA Form 31 must contain the following statement from AR 6002, and must be signed by the verifying official: "I understand that this absence is not directed by any official

of the US Government. I further understand that I cannot conduct public business under this authorization. Accordingly, I will not be entitled to reimbursement for travel, per diem or any other expenses. I understand that I have the right to cancel it at any time and return to my regular place of duty. Authorized HRAP/HRORP dates: _____ to _____ RRNCO/OSM/WOSM signature _____"

The above statement will populate block 17 with the exception of:
"Authorized HRAP/HRORP dates: _____ to _____ RRNCO/OSM / WOSM signature _____"

After completion of HRAP/HRORP, Soldiers must hand carry their completed DA Form 31 back to their training company to minimize the risk of incurring a debt for charged leave.

Soldiers returning without the DA Form 31, or Soldiers who fail to obtain the verifying signature will be charged leave for the entire period.

It is strongly recommended the Soldiers make copies of their completed DA Form in the event the original forms are lost or misplaced.

The unit compiles the forms and turns them into the Defense Military Pay Office. The DMPO will only charge leave for the days beyond the authorized and approved HRAP duty.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

For Victory Block Leave information online, visit <http://jackson.armylive.dodlive.mil/>

What should you do if ... ?

YOU ARE INVOLVED IN AN ACCIDENT?

If you are involved in an accident, immediately call the appropriate local authorities. Then, Soldiers should call their unit at the number in the "Contacts" list in this paper.

YOU LOSE YOUR TICKET?

If you lose your travel ticket or reservation information, call Victory Travel during normal duty hours at 800-221-3503 or 803-751-5812.

YOU REPORT EARLY?

If your travel plans change and you have to report to Fort Jackson early, you should report to the 1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment, 193rd Infantry Brigade, 11000 Dixie Road. You can reach the battalion at (803) 751-1160.

YOU ARE APPROACHED BY THE MEDIA?

As a Soldier, you are the Army's best spokesperson and are always representing the military, on or off duty. Often,

news outlets are interested in opinions from Soldiers on topics of nationwide interest, for example, sequestration. Here are a few tips to help if asked for an interview:

- Be honest and forthright. Talk about your personal experiences, the value of your training and the mentorship of your drill sergeants.
- Don't speak for the command or other Soldiers.
- Don't speculate about issues in which you're not involved.
- Remember security. Don't discuss specific numbers, locations or dates of present or future operations.
- Speak in terms familiar to non-military people. Avoid



Army jargon and acronyms.

- Tell the reporter if you don't know the answer to a question. If you can't answer a question, say why.
- Assume that everything you say is "on the record" and never say "no comment."
- If you don't have time or interest, you do have the right to decline an interview.

Going AWOL not worth the trip

From the Provost Marshal Office

Think twice before going absent without leave because that extra day of vacation could cost a Soldier his or her career, privileges, pay and even end in time behind bars.

A Soldier who chooses to take an unauthorized vacation may have Uniform Code of Military Justice action taken against him or her.

The first charge will be under Article 85, or absent without leave, which could result in adverse disciplinary or administrative action. Once a Soldier decides to take 30 or more vacation days without authorization, he or she is dropped from the unit as a deserter. A second charge under Article 86, desertion, is then appropriate.

When this action takes place, the Soldier who thought the military gave him or her a free vacation has a federal warrant issued for him or her.

The warrant is initiated by the unit then sent to the United States Army Deserter Information Point. USADIP then puts the information in the National Crime Information Center.

A DD Form 553 (Deserter/Absentee wanted by Armed Forces) is then sent to all installations and police departments in the missing Soldier's home of record area as well as to law enforcement agencies across the nation.

Once the Soldier is returned to military control, Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training Soldiers in a deserter status will be sent to Fort Knox, Kentucky, for out-processing. All permanent party Soldiers will be returned to their assigned unit for desertion and not a personnel control facility due to changes in Army regulations in 2001.

The holiday rush is a busy time for everyone, but it is never too busy to prevent an AWOL Soldier from being caught. One way or another, absent Soldiers will be caught, whether one turns himself or herself in, someone calls him or her in or he or she gets picked up for another charge.

The unit is responsible for maintaining 100 percent ac-

countability. It is the unit's responsibility to report the offense within 24 hours.

Commanders are committed to deterring AWOLs and catching Soldiers who are AWOL. One misconception is that "the unit doesn't care and no one is going to look for me."

Once a Soldier is determined absent, the commander starts calling parents or the spouse. Once the Soldier has been gone for more than 24 hours, the commander prepares an AWOL packet, which consists of notification of AWOL status to the adjutant general, finance office and the military police.

After this information is prepared and turned in, the Soldier's personal gear will be inventoried and turned in.

If a Soldier is gone for more than 30 days, he or she is dropped from the unit's roster and his or her name will be sent to the USADIP.

At this point, the Soldier becomes the responsibility of the military police. Charges are brought against the Soldier, and the Soldier's name will be placed into NCIC, which makes the deserter status known to all law enforcement agencies.

If stopped by a police officer, and the police officer runs a deserter's name through the computer, then the police will know about the Soldier being wanted. The officer will apprehend the Soldier, and the nearest AWOL apprehension team will come and return him or her to military control.

Do not wait until the last minute to return from leave. Travel delays and cancellations are not acceptable reasons for being late. Contact someone in the chain of command immediately by using the contact numbers in this paper.



US ARMY TRAINING AND DOCTRINE COMMAND (TRADOC)

TEN KEY INDICATORS OF POTENTIAL TERRORIST-ASSOCIATED INSIDER THREATS TO THE US ARMY

1. **Advocating violence, the threat of violence, or the use of force to achieve goals that are political, religious, or ideological in nature.**
2. **Advocating support for international terrorist organizations or objectives.**
3. **Providing financial or other material support to a terrorist organization or to someone suspected of being a terrorist.**
4. **Association with or connections to known or suspected terrorist.**
5. **Repeated expression of hatred and intolerance of American society, culture, government, or principles of the U.S. Constitution.**
6. **Repeated browsing or visiting internet websites that promote or advocate violence directed against the United States or U.S. Forces, or that promote international terrorism or terrorist themes without official sanction in the performance of duties.**
7. **Expressing an obligation to engage in violence in support of international terrorism or inciting others to do the same.**
8. **Purchasing bomb making materials or obtaining information about the construction of explosives.**
9. **Active attempts to encourage others to violate laws, disobey lawful orders or regulations, or disrupt military activities.**
10. **Family ties to known or suspected international terrorist or terrorist supporters.**

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Think twice before deciding to get high

From the Army Substance Abuse Program

The long awaited leave is here. You are home again. The memories of the past few weeks, the stress of the days filled with early rising and physical training are fading. Finally, you can relax and enjoy time with family and friends.

There are also temptations waiting for you. A potent scent may grab your senses and entice you to join a smoke-filled circle; several white lines may look inviting; or maybe those little pills with the letter in the middle will lure you in. As temptation wrestles with your conscience, you are left with two choices — use or walk away.

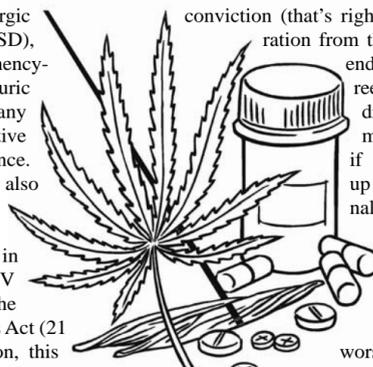
Before you make that decision, understand that your responsibility as a member of the Army requires you to steer clear of illegal substances. Army Regulation 600-85, and Article 112a, Uniform Code of Military Justice specifically prohibits the unlawful use of the following substances: opium, heroin, cocaine,

amphetamine, lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD), methamphetamine, phencyclidine (PCP), barbituric acid, marijuana, and any compound or derivative of any such substance. Article 112a, UCMJ also prohibits the unlawful use of any other substances listed in Schedule I through V of Section 202 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 USC 812). In addition, this regulation prohibits the use of hemp or products containing hemp oil and other substances for the purpose of inducing excitement, intoxication or stupefaction of the central nervous system. The drugs "Spice" and "Bath Salts" are currently banned by the Drug Enforcement Agency and are Schedule I drugs.

The Army enforces a zero-tolerance policy for drug abuse. Illegal substance use can result in arrest, a federal criminal

conviction (that's right, a felony), separation from the service and the end of a promising career. Abuse of illegal drugs is a serious misconduct and, if a Soldier comes up positive on a urinalysis, the regulation mandates the Soldier be processed for separation.

So what's the worst that can happen if you get kicked out? Your "character of service" on the DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) can be classified as dishonorable or other than honorable, which can influence how you are looked at for employment opportunities. It is important to understand that most businesses have capital interest and will generally use an applicant's prior military service and felony convictions as



a basis for denying employment.

It could be just the beginning of the many tribulations you can face. You could lose all of your Veterans Affairs benefits, many of your civil rights (including the right to vote), and you may not qualify for federal student loans.

What if your test comes back positive and you say you are taking prescription medications?

When a Soldier's drug test result is positive for certain drugs, such as codeine, AMP, MET or DMET, there are checks in place to ensure proper procedures are followed. This includes the review of the positive result by a medical review officer. The MRO will make the determination as to the legality of the use. It is important that Soldiers only take medicine prescribed by their physician. If it is not prescribed to you, do not take it. If an unprescribed medication shows up on a urinalysis, it will be considered illegal use.

Remember, you will be tested upon your return. What choice will you make?