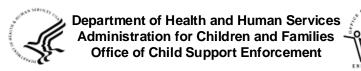


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### Introduction

he Child Support Enforcement Program is a joint undertaking involving federal, state, and local cooperative efforts. As our nation's largest employer, the Federal government has an important role in the Child Support Enforcement Program. Within the Federal government, the Department of Defense (DoD) is the largest federal agency, with approximately

- 1.4 million active duty military personnel,
- 1.5 million reserved military personnel,
- 2.0 million retired military personnel, and
- 780,000 civilian employees working for DoD.

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) provides payroll for all military and DoD civilians and is responsible for implementation of child support orders. Currently DFAS is remitting payments for approximately 200,000 child support garnishments a month.

Communication with the military has often been a challenging experience for state and county child support offices. In an effort to assist states in their interaction with the military, the Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) has prepared this resource document. The purpose of this document is to provide policy and procedural guidance to child support staff working with the military in the following areas:

- Requesting verification of employment and pay,
- Enforcing child support orders through income withholding,
- Enforcing medical support orders using the National Medical Support Notice, and
- Identifying DFAS payments.

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# LOCATE SERVICES AND EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION

he Federal Parent Locator Service (FPLS) is a principal source of locate and employment information for child support caseworkers when establishing a support order and when initiating an income-withholding order.

As mandated by the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) of 1996, the FPLS was expanded to include two new federal databases: the **National Directory of New Hires (NDNH)** and the **Federal Case Registry (FCR)**. States send information to the FCR for all child support cases, including those that have support orders and those for which orders have not yet been established. Persons registered on the FCR are compared daily against the NDNH, which contains employment information from new hire reports and quarterly wage records reported by states and federal agencies, as well as unemployment insurance claimant data reported by state employment agencies. Therefore, if the military person you are looking for is a participant in a child support case and that case has been submitted to the FCR, you will receive information about that person.

#### What DoD Sends to the NDNH

All newly hired (recruited) military personnel and civilian employees are reported within 20 days to the NDNH. In addition, DoD sends quarterly wage data to the NDNH. This includes information on the following:

- Active duty (including Coast Guard)
- Reserve (including Coast Guard)
- Civilian employees
- Military retired (beginning August 2003) (quarterly wages only)

#### Using the FPLS Match or "Hit" Data

Automatic matching occurs whenever new or updated information is entered into either the FCR or NDNH. NDNH-to-FCR and FCR-to-NDNH matches are immediately sent to the state child support enforcement agencies (CSEAs). Upon receiving the FPLS match ("hit") information, CSEAs are required to issue an income-withholding order within two days.

An FPLS match should be accepted as a verification of employment and wages. If you receive a match or "hit" on a military person, additional verification of employment is unnecessary. The next step is to submit the income-withholding order to DFAS Cleveland, OH to start withholding pay. Send all income-withholding orders to:

DFAS Cleveland Center DFAS-DGI/CL P.O. Box 998002 Cleveland, OH 44199-8002 (866) 859-1845 for customer service (toll-free)

By automating the generation of income-withholding notices, states can meet their two-day turnaround requirement. States that have automated this process have benefited from substantial increases in collections. [For sending income-withholding orders electronically to DFAS, see section on Kids First at end of this section.]

**Terminations** of income-withholding orders should also be sent to the DFAS Cleveland address above.

#### **World Wide Locator Service Update**

The World Wide Locator Service is another way to locate military personnel. The Service has been reinstated, but there are restrictions on who may access the Army World Wide Locator Service: It is only available to those who have an e-mail address ending in ".mil".

- Information about the World Wide Locator Service is available at <a href="http://www.erec.army.mil/wwl/">http://www.erec.army.mil/wwl/</a>.
- Additional information about receiving military mailing addresses is available at <a href="http://www.defenselink.mil/faq/pis/PC04MLTR.html">http://www.defenselink.mil/faq/pis/PC04MLTR.html</a>.
- Address information may be obtained by writing to the World Wide Locator for the appropriate branch of service.

### **Military Worldwide Locator Offices**

Army Active Duty (see note above)
Army Worldwide Locator
USAEREC
8899 E. 56th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46249
<a href="http://www.erec.army.mil/wwl">http://www.erec.army.mil/wwl</a>
(703) 325-3732

#### Army Reserve or Retired

Commander ARPERCEN 9700 Page Blvd. St. Louis, MO 63132 (314) 538-3777

#### Active Duty Navy

#### **Navy World Wide Locator**

Navy Personnel Command (PERS 312) 5720 Integrity Drive Millington, TN 38055-3120 (901) 874-3388

http://www.navydirectory.smartlink.navy.mil or

http://www.chinfo.navy.mil/navpalib/people/faq/www/locate.html.

#### Active Duty Air Force

AFPC/MSIMDL 550 C. Street West, Suite 50 Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4752 (210) 565-2660

http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/IM/AFLocator&FOIA/afwwloc.htm.

#### Marine Corps

Headquarters, US Marine Corps Personnel Management Support Branch (MMSB-17) 2008 Elliot Road, Room 201 Quantico, VA 22134-5030 (703) 784-3941/3942 or 3943 http://www.usmc.mil/marinelink/ind.nsf/locator

#### Coast Guard

US Coast Guard Personnel Command 2100 2nd Street, West Washington, DC 20593 (202) 267-1340 Fax (202) 267-4985

# What the Quarterly Wage Report Includes

The quarterly wage (QW) report provided to the NDNH by DMDC includes all income received by a military service person. The following chart lists all the income categories that could be included in a QW report.

	I					
Military Status	Supplemental Pay Type:					
ACTIVE						
	Amount Of Accrued Leave Pay					
	Amount Of Contract Cancellation Pay And Allowances					
	Amount Of Separation Payment					
	Basic Allowance For Housing (BAH)					
	Basic Allowance For Subsistence					
	Career Sea Pay					
	Career Sea Pay Premium					
	Diving Duty Pay					
	Enlistment Bonus					
	Essential Service Pay					
	Family Separation Allowance Type I					
	Family Separation Allowance Type II					
	Foreign Duty Pay					
	Foreign Language Proficiency Pay					
	Hazardous Duty Incentive Pay I					
	Hazardous Duty Incentive Pay II					
	Hazardous Duty Incentive Pay III					
	Hostile Fire Pay					
	Nuclear Officer Accession Bonus					
	Overseas Extension Pay					
	Proficiency Pay					
	Regular Reenlistment Bonus					
	Rental Charge For Inadequate Government Quarters					
	Selective Reenlistment Bonus					
ACTIVE: OFFIC	ACTIVE: OFFICERS ONLY					
	Additional Special Pay					
	Aviation Career Incentive Pay					
	Aviation Officer Continuation Pay					
	Board Certified Pay					
	Incentive Special Pay					
	Miscellaneous Officer Pay					
	Medical Officer Retainer Bonus (MORB)/Nurse Bonus Amount					
	Nuclear Career Accession Bonus					
	Nuclear Career Annual Incentive Bonus					
	Nuclear Qualified Officer Continuation Pay					
	Saved Pay					

Military Status	Supplemental Pay Type:				
	Saved Pay For Health Professionals				
	Variable Special Pay				
RESERVES					
	Airborne Warning And Control Systems (AWACS) Controller Pay				
	Aviation Career Incentive Pay				
	Basic Ad Pay				
	Career Sea Pay				
	Diving Duty Pay				
	Foreign Duty Pay				
	Foreign Language Proficiency Pay				
	Hazardous Duty Incentive Pay I				
	Hazardous Duty Incentive Pay II				
	Hazardous Duty Incentive Pay III				
	Hostile Fire Pay And /Or Imminent Danger Pay				
	Monthly Basic Pay				
	Reserve Component Incentive Program Education Payments				
	Reserve Component Incentive Program Payments				
	Separation Pay				
	Special Pay For Reserve Medical Officers Payments				
CIVILIANS					
	Award Amount I, II & III				
	Final Compensatory Time Paid				
	Locality Payment				
	Lump Sum Leave Pay				
	Manual Pay Adjustments Amount				
	Overtime Paid				
	Severance Pay Amount				
	Voluntary Separation Incentive				

#### **Retired Military Quarterly Wage Reports**

Quarterly wage reports on retired military (persons who were formerly active duty) and retired Coast Guard are now provided to the FPLS. These records are coded "P" (for pension).

Pay rates for 2003 (basic military pay, military housing allowance (BAH), and civilian pay) may be found on the following web site:

http://www.defenselink.mil/specials/pay2003/.

## Getting an Address for a DOD Employee

# FPLS External Locate Requests for Information on Active, Reserve, Retired Military and Retired Federal Government Civilian Employees

If you need a current address for a military service personnel for service of process (e.g., in order to establish paternity), submit an **FPLS external locate** request (through your state child support office) to the DoD's Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC). DMDC returns these requests on a **monthly** basis. Include the military service person's name and Social Security number (SSN). FPLS will provide the following information to states:

Population	SSN Returned?	<b>Address Provided</b>	<b>Annual Salary?</b>
Active military	Yes	Unit/duty address	Not provided
Reserve military	Yes	Unit/duty address	Not provided
Retired military	Yes	Home address	Yes
Retired civilian	Yes	Home address	Yes

Information on civilians working for DoD is not available through the FPLS external locate.

#### **Change in DoD Policy Regarding Requests for Employment Verification**

DoD will no longer respond to verification of employment/ payroll data requests about active and reserve military, and civilian payroll records, because this information is already provided to the FPLS through quarterly wage reporting to the NDNH. There are two exceptions:

#### 1. Requests for Historical Payroll Data of Military Personnel

DFAS will respond to individual, written requests for information regarding military personnel relating to pay history exceeding one year. DFAS will also respond to a request for a noncustodial parent's Leave and Earnings Statement (LES) if a subpoena is submitted to DFAS. The subpoena must be signed by a state or federal judge before it will be accepted for processing.

These requests should be sent to the particular DFAS pay site listed below, depending on the branch of service.

- The name and Social Security number of the military member should be included.
- A signature is not required, but the caseworker's name or the name of a higher authority must appear on the request or it will be returned to the child support agency. DFAS will not accept computer-generated requests for pay histories. All computer-generated requests will be destroyed.

#### Army (Active Duty FEIN is 359990000; Reserve Duty FEIN is 351819323)

DFAS Indianapolis Center ATTN: DFAS-PMTCBC/IN, Column 302G 8899 East 56<sup>th</sup> Street Indianapolis, IN 46249-0865

Navy (Active Duty FEIN is 349990000; Reserve Duty FEIN is 341586724)

DFAS Cleveland Center ATTN: DFAS-DGI/CL 1240 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street Cleveland, OH 44199-8006

#### Marine Corps (Active Duty and Reserve Duty FEIN is 539990000)

DFAS Kansas City Center ATTN: DFAS-GA/KC 1500 East Bannister Road Kansas City, MO 64197-0001

#### Air Force (Active Duty FEIN is 849990000; Reserve Duty FEIN is 849980000)

DFAS Denver Center ATTN: DFAS-GA/DE 6760 East Irvington Place Denver, CO 80279-8000

#### **Retired Military Pay (FEIN is 340727612)**

DFAS Cleveland Center ATTN: DFAS-DGI/CL 1240 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street Cleveland, OH 44199-8006

#### 2. Requests for Historical Payroll Data of DoD Civilian Personnel:

DFAS will also respond to individual requests for information regarding DoD civilian personnel relating to pay history exceeding one year. Send all civilian requests (FEIN 311575142) to:

#### **DoD** civilian employees – Army:

DFAS Cleveland Center ATTN: DFAS-DGI/CL 1240 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street Cleveland, OH 44199-8006

The name and Social Security number of the DoD civilian employee must be provided. A signature is not required, but the caseworker's name or the name of a higher authority must appear on the request, or it will be returned to the child support agency. DFAS will not accept computer-generated requests for pay histories. All computer-generated requests will be destroyed.

# **SERVICE OF PROCESS**

Service of process refers to the delivery of a document to an individual (noncustodial parent) to notify him/her of a claim or to inform him/her of specific acts that he/she must perform (for example, appearing at a paternity hearing for child support). Although military personnel may live on an installation, most live in the neighboring communities and one may serve legal documents on them just as one would a civilian. There are several methods for service of process, including regular and certified mail, voluntary acceptance of service, sheriff's service, and personal service by a civilian authority or process server. Under most state laws, establishment of a child support obligation requires voluntary acceptance of service or personal service by an authorized official.

#### Serving Military Personnel on an Installation

Military installations may be open or closed and increasingly they are closed. If an enforcement action requires personal service, service may be more difficult. Call the installation's legal office to learn the type of jurisdiction it is following regarding state access:

- Exclusive federal jurisdiction with no state reservation for service of process,
- Partial jurisdiction,
- Concurrent and proprietary jurisdiction.

#### **Contacts for Service of Process**

Following are contacts for facilitating service of legal process and enforcing support obligations:

Air Force AFLSA/JACA 1420 Air Force Pentagon Washington, DC 20330-1420 (703) 697-0413

Army

Office of the Judge Advocate General Attention: DAJA-LA 2200 Army Pentagon Washington, DC 20310

(703) 588-6708

Coast Guard United States Coast Guard G-PC (USCG), Room 4100E, CGHQ Department of Transportation Washington, DC 20590 (202) 267-2799

Marine Corps Legal Assistance Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps (JAL) 2 Navy Annex Washington, DC 20380 (703) 614-3880

#### Navy

Office of the Judge Advocate General (Code 16), Suite 3000 Washington Navy Yard 1322 Patterson Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20374-5066 (202) 685-4637

# INCOME-WITHHOLDING ORDERS FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL

#### Where to Send Income-Withholding Orders for Military Personnel

Income-withholding orders for military personnel (active, reserve, retired) should be sent to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) office in Cleveland, Ohio:

DFAS Cleveland Center DFAS-DGI/CL P.O. Box 998002 Cleveland, OH 44199-8002

The DFAS Income Withholding toll-free Customer Service Number is (866) 859-1845.

The DFAS web site for income-withholding information is http://www.dfas.mil/money/garnish.

The web site includes a Questions and Answers fact sheet on how to obtain payroll information on DoD military and civilian employees.

#### **Coast Guard**

The Coast Guard is now part of the Department of Homeland Security. Income-withholding orders for Coast Guard personnel should be sent to the following address:

Commanding Officer (LGL)
U.S. Coast Guard Pay and Personnel Center
Federal Building
444 SE Quincy Street
Topeka, KS 66683-3591
Phone (785) 339-3596 (for questions)
Fax (785) 339-3784 (for employment verification and pay requests)

#### **Attaching the Income of Retired Military Service Personnel**

An income-withholding order to attach the pension of a retired military member should be sent to:

DFAS Cleveland Center
DFAS-DGI/CL
P.O. Box 998002
Cleveland, OH 44199-8002
(866) 859-1845 for customer service, all branches (toll-free)

#### **Attaching the Income of Retired Federal Civilian Employees**

An income-withholding order to attach the pension of a retired, civilian employee of the Federal government should be sent to:

Office of Personnel Management Court Ordered Benefits Branch P.O. Box 17 Washington, DC 20044-0017 Phone (202) 606-0222 Fax (202) 606-7958

## Garnishments vs. Voluntary and Involuntary Allotments

- A garnishment for child support means there is a judicial/administrative incomewithholding order in place (mandated in 1990 for IV-D cases and in 1994 for all child support orders). (42 U.S.C. 659).
- Voluntary allotments are available to military service personnel to pay recurring debts.
   Voluntary allotments for child support were used prior to the federal legislation requiring mandatory income withholding for child support. Many are still active. A voluntary allotment is completely under the member's control and can be started, stopped, or amended at will by the military person.
- An involuntary allotment (pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 665) is an income-withholding action enforceable against *active duty* military pay. Involuntary allotments have advantages compared to garnishment actions when the maximum amount payable from the disposable income does not allow full payment. This is due to the fact that military allowances, such as the basic allowance for housing (BAH), are included in the disposable pay calculations for involuntary allotment. An involuntary allotment begins with a court or administrative order establishing a child support obligation and an arrearage in an amount equal to or greater than two months support under the order. Regulations require that when using the involuntary allotment, the child support office

must send a copy of the underlying court order. See 32 C.F.R. Part 54 for detailed instructions.

#### Voluntary Allotment Inquiries:

#### **Air Force Voluntary Allotments-Denver**

Harry Miller

Harry.Miller@dfas.mil

(303) 676-7153; (800) 433-0461, option 1

#### **Army Voluntary Allotments-Indianapolis**

(317) 510-0585 or (877) 338-3327 (toll-free)

#### **Marines Voluntary Allotments-Kansas City**

Carole Smith (816) 926-7011

#### **Navy Voluntary Allotments-Cleveland**

(216) 522-5542; (800) 346-3374

#### **Retired-All Branches-Cleveland**

(216) 204-5127; (800) 321-1080

#### **Coast Guard**

Gary Schart (785) 339-3495

#### When a Federal Employee/Reservist is Called to Active Duty

If a reservist is called to active duty, DoD does NOT submit a new hire report for this person. If a civilian employee, who is in the reserves and working for the military, is called to active duty and DFAS already has an income-withholding order on file, DFAS will roll over the withholding to the employee's military pay. If the employee works for another federal agency or a private company, the state should issue an income-withholding order to DFAS. (When a reservist with a child support order is called to active duty, the employer might not notify the child support office, and thus the income-withholding order would not be satisfied.) The FPLS (NDNH) quarterly wage report notifies the state of a change in the employee's employer, thus alerting the state to issue a new income-withholding order.

# What Happens to the Income-Withholding Order When the Military Member Retires?

When a military member with an income-withholding order for child support retires, the order does not automatically attach to the retirement pay (pension) of that member. However, DFAS is building an electronic interface that eventually will allow the active duty pay system to alert the garnishment operation that the child support order should be attached to the retirement pay of the military member who is retiring. Until that interface is in place, the child support office should contact DFAS as to why the child support payment has stopped. This will alert DFAS Garnishments to send the withholding order to be processed against the member's retirement pay.

Multiple quarterly wage (QW) reports for one noncustodial parent in the military could be received by a CSEA because a person could be both a DoD civil service employee and a reservist. In fact, there are many people working for DoD in both capacities. When the CSEA receives the first QW match, it should send the income-withholding order to DFAS Cleveland for garnishment. Garnishments will be applied to all pay available at that time.

#### **Kids First**

DFAS has an electronic child support submission system that can process individual income-withholding requests via an on-line web system called "Kids First." Mass case processing is also supported via a batch interface to this system using the OCSE CSENet 2000 system. More information on Kids First, and how to access it, is available from the DFAS Cleveland field organization at (216) 522-5118 or visit the DFAS Kids First section on the OCSE web site at <a href="http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cse/stsys/tab99.htm">http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cse/stsys/tab99.htm</a>. To sign up for Kids First, contact Larry Sharpley at (216) 522-5435, ex. 41677.

# OBTAINING MEDICAL SUPPORT FROM MILITARY PERSONNEL

#### **Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS)**

The military health care program is called TRICARE/CHAMPUS (Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services). A system called DEERS (Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System) maintains the information on the military service person, known as the sponsor, and dependents enrolled in this program. The process for obtaining medical support from a military parent (active or retired) is described below.

#### **How to Enroll**

First of all, before any enrollment can occur, the child must be determined to be a military dependent in order to be enrolled in DEERS. The documents needed to establish dependency include a court-ordered paternity determination (if the child's parents were not married), birth certificate, and a court order for child support or other means of providing support. Each branch of the service may have slightly different procedures. The custodial parent must go to the nearest RAPIDS center and present the appropriate documents to the verifying officer. (RAPIDS stands for Real-Time Automated Personnel Identification Card System and refers to the program through which individuals receive ID cards and through which all personnel changes are made.)

Location of the nearest RAPIDS center may be found via the Internet at <a href="http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/">http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/</a>. If Internet access is not available, the custodial parent may contact the DEERS telephone center help line Monday through Friday between 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (ET) at 1-(800) 538-9552.

A custodial parent wishing to enroll by mail should contact any military installation with a RAPIDS center for instructions. Documentation to prove dependency must be provided.

Before the DEERS enrollment can be completed, an attempt will be made to have the sponsor sign the paperwork. The amount of time for this process will vary depending on the location and the assignment of the military member. If the sponsor is unwilling to sign, the verifying official may sign on behalf of the sponsor after all efforts to obtain the sponsor's signature have failed and those efforts have been documented.

Once enrolled in DEERS, the child is eligible to receive medical care in two ways. The child may be able to obtain medical care and medications from military hospitals and clinics. The child can also use the cost share medical coverage, TRICARE, with civilian health providers. Getting health care from a uniformed service hospital or clinic, when available, saves money and paperwork. Military bases have Health Benefits Advisors to assist custodial parents with questions about medical coverage.

TRICARE uses the term "shared" rather than "covered" because the cost is shared by the beneficiary after an annual deductible cost has been satisfied. Claims to TRICARE can be submitted up to a year after treatment. Commencement of military medical benefits is determined by either the child's date of birth or the date(s) of the sponsor's military service, not the DEERS enrollment date. A TRICARE handbook explaining coverage is available by writing or calling:

TRICARE Management Activity (TMA) Public Affairs Branch Aurora, Colorado 80045-6900 (303) 361-1000/1129

# **How to Learn Whether a Dependent Has Been Enrolled in DEERS** (TRICARE)

A legal dependent (one for whom paternity has been established) of a military person (active or retired) is eligible for TRICARE medical services through DEERS. If a caseworker wants to learn whether a child has already been enrolled in DEERS, he/she should **write** to the following address:

DMDC Support Office Attn: CA99 400 Gigling Road Seaside, CA 93955-6771

Include the name and Social Security number (SSN) of the military service person, as well as the name, SSN, and date of birth of the dependent. Even if the child is already enrolled in DEERS, he/she may need to obtain a military I.D. to gain access to medical care facilities on base.

# Where to Send the National Medical Support Notice for Active Duty and Retired Military

Send the National Medical Support Notice (NMSN) to DMDC. Currently DMDC will respond with a letter (in-lieu of the form) to notify you as to whether the child is already enrolled in DEERS. Once an active duty military member and family members have been enrolled in DEERS, they have medical benefits. These medical benefits do not include dental or vision care. (Dental coverage may be available at an additional cost to the service member.) At the present time, the NMSN does not result in the automatic enrollment of the child in DEERS. The custodial parent must follow the procedures in the previous section for enrollment if the child is not shown as enrolled.

#### Send the National Medical Support Notice to:

DMDC Support Office Attn: CA99 400 Gigling Road Seaside, CA 93955-6771

Please do not send requests for medical coverage information or medical support orders to any DFAS office. Requests for medical information or medical orders will not be returned to the issuing agency.

Please do not send employment verifications or garnishment-related requests to DMDC. Employment verification requests will not be returned to the issuing agency.

## How to Obtain Medical Insurance Information on DoD Civilian Employees

Medical insurance information on DoD civilian employees may be obtained from the human resources department of the employing agency.

# **QUESTIONS ABOUT PAYMENTS**

#### **How to Understand the Military Leave and Earning Statement (LES)**

For military pay information, refer to <a href="http://www.dfas.mil">http://www.dfas.mil</a> and first click on "Money Matters" and then click on "Military Pay." From this screen click on "Pay Rates" for pay tables, or click on "Military LES" (Leave and Earnings Statement) to understand the military LES.

#### **Redirecting Payments to Your State Disbursement Unit (SDU)**

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) handles all payroll for the military. DFAS has named two points-of-contact in the military for redirecting any child support payment (and spousal support if appropriate) to your SDU. These points-of-contact can assist you in redirecting both garnishments (income-withholding orders) and voluntary allotments for all the armed services, including payments to retirees:

Frank Hrouda Kathleen Golden
DFAS-PGLIS/CL and DFAS-PGLIS/CL
(216) 522-5435, ex. 41609
frank.hrouda@dfas.mil Kathleen.golden@dfas.mil

## **Missing Checks from Military Personnel**

For questions relating to payments issued from the:

Active duty or reserve Army pay center, call (317) 510-3286 or 3284.

Active duty or reserve Air Force pay center, call (800) 433-0461, option 4 (toll-free).

Active duty or reserve Marine Corps pay center, call (816)-926-7050.

Active duty or reserve Navy pay center, call (866) 859-1859 (toll-free).

(Please do not use these numbers for inquires relating to the income-withholding order or its processing.)

#### **Child Support Checks from DoD Civilians**

If you have a question about a child support check that DFAS remits on behalf of a DoD civilian employee, there are three Civilian Pay Centers that may be able to help you:

#### DoD Navy civilian, Marine Corps civilian and overseas DoD civilian employees:

DFAS Charleston, SC Civilian Pay Service, Customer Service (843) 746-6500 6:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time

#### DoD Air Force civilian and other DoD agencies' civilian employees:

DFAS Pensacola, FL Civilian Pay Service, Customer Service (850) 473-6222 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Central Standard Time

#### **DoD Army civilian employees:**

DFAS Denver, CO Civilian Pay Service, Customer Service (800) 538-9043 6:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Mountain Time

#### **OCSE Military Liaison**

The OCSE military liaison officer is Larry Holtz, whose duties include working with the Department of Defense on child support related statutes and regulations, providing guidance to child support agencies on military matters, and resolving issues between the Department of Defense and Child Support Enforcement agencies. You may contact him at:

Larry Holtz
Court and Military Liaison Officer
Office of Child Support Enforcement 4<sup>th</sup> floor
370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW
Washington, DC 20447
(202) 401-5376; Fax (202) 205-4342
<a href="mailto:lholtz@acf.hhs.gov">lholtz@acf.hhs.gov</a>

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#### Send income-withholding orders for military personnel and retired military members to:

**DFAS** Cleveland Center

DFAS-DGI/CL

P.O. Box 998002

Cleveland, OH 44199-8002

(866) 859-1845 for customer service (toll-free)

**Terminations** of income-withholding orders should also be sent to the DFAS Cleveland address above.

#### Send income-withholding orders for Coast Guard personnel to:

Commanding Officer (LGL)

U.S. Coast Guard Pay and Personnel Center

Federal Building

444 SE Quincy Street

Topeka, KS 66683-3591

Phone (785) 339-3596 (for questions)

Fax (785) 339-3784 (for employment verification and pay requests)

# Send an income-withholding order to attach the pension of a retired, civilian employee of the Federal government to:

Office of Personnel Management Court Ordered Benefits Branch P.O. Box 17 Washington, DC 20044-0017

Phone (202) 606-0222

Fax (202) 606-7958

#### **Send the National Medical Support Notice to:**

**DMDC Support Office** 

Attn: CA99

400 Gigling Road

Seaside, CA 93955-6771

If you need a current address for a military service member for service of process, submit an **FPLS external locate** request to DMDC. These requests are returned by DMDC on a **monthly** basis.

**Requests for Historical Payroll Data of Military Personnel -** DFAS will respond to individual, written requests for information regarding military personnel relating to pay history **exceeding** one year.

#### Army (Active Duty FEIN is 359990000; Reserve Duty FEIN is 351819323)

**DFAS** Indianapolis Center

ATTN: DFAS-PMTCBC/IN, Column 302G

8899 East 56<sup>th</sup> Street

Indianapolis, IN 46249-0865

#### Navy (Active Duty FEIN is 349990000; Reserve Duty FEIN is 341586724)

Marine Corps (Active Duty and Reserve Duty FEIN is 539990000)

DFAS Cleveland Center ATTN: DFAS-DGI/CL 1240 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street Cleveland, OH 44199-8006

DFAS Kansas City Center ATTN: DFAS-GA/KC 1500 East Bannister Road Kansas City, MO 64197-0001

#### Air Force (Active Duty FEIN is 849990000; Reserve Duty FEIN is 849980000)

DFAS Denver Center ATTN: DFAS-GA/DE 6760 East Irvington Place Denver, CO 80279-8000

#### **Retired Military Pay (FEIN is 340727612)**

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**Request for Historical Payroll Data of Civilian Personnel** – DFAS will respond to individual, written requests for information regarding military personnel relating to pay history **exceeding** one year.

#### **Civilian Personnel Pay (FEIN is 311575142)**

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