

**DoD Dependents Education
Overseas Contingency Operations
Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide
Budget Activity 04: Administrative and Service-Wide Activities**

I. Description of Operations Financed: Funds Quality of Life (QOL) issues supporting the Overseas Contingency Operations: OPERATION FREEDOM'S SENTINEL (OFS)

Guard, Reserve and Active Duty Service Members and Family Support: This request provides funding to the Guard and Reserve, to include support of Yellow Ribbon events, to help service and family members meet the demands of the military lifestyle throughout the entire deployment cycle. Many families will be transitioning out of the military and continuing to work on reintegration which will increase the demand for non-medical and financial counseling and other military member and family support programs.

Emergency Child Care Support: This request will continue emergency and respite child care services for Service members (Active, Guard and Reserve) to enable families to manage lengthy separations and, in some cases, extensions to deployments.

Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) RESET in Theater, Fitness, and Bandwidth: This requirement helps to increase morale of Service members in Theater by providing invaluable resources to deployed units. MWR reset in-Theater includes fitness equipment, recreation and fitness kits, portable suspension trainers, aerobic and strength training fitness equipment, as well as funding for critically needed improvements to our fitness center infrastructure. Funding supports operation and bandwidth for over 163 Internet Cafes, as well as mobile internet technology (internet-in-a-box), computers/computer stations, and 64 portable Morale Satellite Units. Additionally, recreational needs for deployed troops will be provided, such as entertainment, theaters-in-a-box, library kits, up-to-date books and magazines, online library products and the monthly distribution of library products to deployed units and remote sites.

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I. Description of Operations Financed (cont.)

DoD Civilian Expeditionary Workforce (CEW) Program: Funds support DoDEA educators who are currently serving in Afghanistan. Costs support salaries and travel requirements.

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II. Force Structure Summary:

N/A

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III. Financial Summary (\$ in thousands):

CBS No.	CBS Title	FY 2015 <u>Actual</u>	FY 2016 <u>Enacted</u>	<u>Delta</u>	FY 2017 <u>Estimate</u>
OFS					
2.0	Personnel Support	\$93,000	\$73,000	\$-6,000	\$67,000
	OFS Total	\$93,000	\$73,000	\$-6,000	\$67,000
	Grand Total	\$93,000	\$73,000	\$-6,000	\$67,000

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III. Financial Summary (\$ in thousands):

A. National Guard, Reserve, and Service Member and Family Support

<u>OFS</u>	<u>FY 2015</u>	<u>FY 2016</u>		<u>FY 2017</u>
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Enacted</u>	<u>Delta</u>	<u>Estimate</u>
1. CBS Category/Subcategory				
2.0 Personnel Support	\$28,800	\$25,000	\$-3,000	\$22,000
Total	\$28,800	\$25,000	\$-3,000	\$22,000

A. Narrative Justification: Funding is needed to help National Guard, Reserve and Active Duty geographically isolated service members and their families manage the demands of the military lifestyle. This request funds service member and family support at Yellow Ribbon and other deployment events to include: financial counseling, information and referral, budget planning and connection to community resources. Sufficient OCO funding must continue to support families of Service members that are deployed to Afghanistan and other countries throughout the deployment cycle. Funding is required to strengthen collaboration between military and civilian service providers as they create a seamless system for military families to navigate and reintegrate while still in uniform and as they transition to civilian status.

B. Explanation of Changes between FY 2016 and FY 2017: Decrease of \$3.0 million is attributable to the drawdown of troops in Afghanistan - OPERATION FREEDOM'S SENTINEL(OFS).

B. Emergency Child Care Support

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III. Financial Summary (\$ in thousands):

<u>OFS</u>	<u>FY 2015</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>FY 2016</u> <u>Enacted</u>	<u>Delta</u>	<u>FY 2017</u> <u>Estimate</u>
2. CBS Category/Subcategory				
2.0 Personnel Support	\$30,000	\$20,000	\$-3,000	\$17,000
Total	\$30,000	\$20,000	\$-3,000	\$17,000

A. Narrative Justification: Because child care continues to be recognized as a key quality of life issue that has direct impact on the effectiveness and readiness of the force, sustainment of funding is imperative. The continuation of the OCO Emergency Child Care Support will enable the Services to act swiftly in meeting sizeable, and often unforeseen, child care requirements, particularly for the Guard and Reserve Component forces as they are mobilized and deployed. This funding will enable respite child care, special needs respite care, and outreach initiatives (e.g., 4-H, Boys and Girls Clubs, etc) to continue.

The ramifications of the lack of funding are numerous. For example, insufficient emergency and respite child care exacerbate the pressures on families who are already experiencing stress because of the high operation tempo. The demands on the stay-behind spouse can be overwhelming, particularly for a young spouse who is solely responsible for sustaining the family unit during deployment, and respite child care services can help alleviate the stress involved. Without this funding, actual retention behavior could be negatively affected, as research demonstrates that spouse/significant other satisfaction and support to stay in the Armed Forces has an influence on the members' actual retention behavior. On the plus side, the availability of quality, affordable child care contributes to mission accomplishment and, indirectly, to retention.

B. Explanation of Changes between FY 2016 and FY 2017: The decrease of \$3.0 million is attributable to the drawdown of troops in Afghanistan - OPERATION FREEDOM'S

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SENTINEL(OFS).

C. Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) RESET in Theater; OFS Bandwidth and Fitness

<u>OFS</u>	<u>FY 2015</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>FY 2016</u> <u>Enacted</u>	<u>Delta</u>	<u>FY 2017</u> <u>Estimate</u>
3. CBS Category/Subcategory				
2.0 Personnel Support	\$28,000	\$28,000	\$0	\$28,000
Total	\$28,000	\$28,000	\$0	\$28,000

A. Narrative Justification: Bandwidth requirements constantly shift for both the Internet Cafes and Morale Satellites at deployment locations throughout the AOR; these locations are logistically difficult to support. Internet Cafes and morale satellites provide the ability for deployed service members to communicate with family and friends by providing access to social networking sites that have been restricted due to bandwidth and other security-related restrictions. The SECDEF recently stated, and various Service member surveys confirm, that the ability to communicate with family and friends remains a top priority. MWR funding provides deployed Service members access to movies through theater-in-a-box, electronic games in-a-box, fitness equipment, recreation and fitness kits, portable suspension trainers, and aerobic and strength training fitness equipment, library materials and the on-line library support, recreation programs, and live entertainment through the Armed Forces Entertainment program.

B. Explanation of Changes between FY 2016 and FY 2017: No change.

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III. Financial Summary (\$ in thousands):

D. DoD Civilian Expeditionary Workforce (CEW) Program

<u>OFS</u>	<u>FY 2015</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>FY 2016</u> <u>Enacted</u>	<u>Delta</u>	<u>FY 2017</u> <u>Estimate</u>
4. CBS Category/Subcategory				
2.0 Personnel Support	\$6,200	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$6,200	\$0	\$0	\$0

A. Narrative Justification: No CEW Program funding is requested or required for FY 2017.

B. Explanation of Changes between FY 2016 and FY 2017:

	<u>FY 2015</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>FY 2016</u> <u>Enacted</u>	<u>Delta</u>	<u>FY 2017</u> <u>Estimate</u>
Total	\$93,000	\$73,000	\$-6,000	\$67,000

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IV. Performance Criteria:

N/A

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V. OP 32 Line Items as Applicable (Dollars in thousands):

<u>OP 32 Line</u>	FY 2015 <u>Actual</u>	Change <u>FY 2015/FY 2016</u>		FY 2016 <u>Enacted</u>	Change <u>FY 2016/FY 2017</u>		FY 2017 <u>Estimate</u>
		<u>Price</u>	<u>Program</u>		<u>Price</u>	<u>Program</u>	
987 Other Intra-Govt Purch	93,000	1,581	-21,581	73,000	1,314	-7,314	67,000
999 Total Other Purchases	93,000	1,581	-21,581	73,000	1,314	-7,314	67,000
Total	93,000	1,581	-21,581	73,000	1,314	-7,314	67,000