

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EDUCATION ACTIVITY (DoDEA)

Global War on Terror (GWOT)/Regional War on Terror (RWOT)

Operations and Maintenance, Defense Wide Budget Activity 04, Administrative and Service-Wide Activities

Detail by Subactivity Group

I. Description of Operations Financed:

There are several Quality of Life (QOL) issues supporting the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) which require FY 2007 supplemental funding.

- **Emergency Child Care Support:** Continues emergency and respite child care for service members (Active and Reserve Component) to enable families to manage lengthy separations and in some cases extensions to deployments.
- **Family and Service Member Counseling/Reunion/Injured:** Continues counseling to support well-being during multiple deployments and extension of deployments, and enable service members and families to continue to sustain lengthy separations and high OPTEMPO.
- **Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) RESET in Theater:** Continued funding to re-stock MWR support capability in theater due to the extensive use over a number of years. This includes theaters in a box, computer stations, unit recreation kits, free weights and exercise equipment, library kits, and up-to-date books and magazines.
- **Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (GTMO) Quality of Life Support:** Provides an immediate temporary housing solution (berthing barge) for detainee security forces at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (GTMO) to alleviate arduous living conditions and a 200 percent population increase. Also provides modular recreation and fitness facilities and supporting equipment to serve this very isolated population. Security forces are 45 minutes from the main side of the island without adequate transportation.

- **Foreign Language Proficiency**: Provides pilot funding to support the President's National Security Language Initiative in strategic languages such as Farsi, Chinese and others so that service members are encouraged to learn these languages. Opportunities for Service Members to gain foreign language proficiency will be available through the Off Duty Voluntary Education/Tuition Assistance program. Service members are the diplomats and forward deployed emissaries of United States.

FY 2006	*-----FY 2007-----*		
<u>Actuals</u>	<u>Title IX</u>	<u>Supplemental</u>	<u>Total</u>
143,000	50,000	158,222	208,222

II. Financial Summary (\$ in Thousands):

A. Budget Activity 4 (Administrative and Service-Wide Activity) -- Emergency Child Care Support

1. 2.5 Other Personnel Support	62,000	30,000	30,000	60,000
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Narrative Justification: Child care is the number one quality of life issue for many service member and their families. Child care responsibilities weigh heavily on the remaining young spouse who must sustain the family for periods often longer than a year. Funding provides for both emergency child care and respite care for families of deployed service members.

Impact if not funded: Lack of funding will increase the turmoil and unrest in families and will exacerbate the pressure that families are already experiencing as a result of the high operation tempo and the demands on the stay-behind spouse.

B. Budget Activity 4 (Administrative and Service-Wide Activity) – Family and Service Member Counseling/Reunion/Injured Support

1. 2.5 Other Personnel Support	81,000	20,000	65,000	85,000
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Narrative Justification: Families are in crisis with many units on their 5th or 6th deployment. Service members and families are struggling to manage the emotional roller coaster of multiple deployments and longer periods of separation. This funding provides counseling to support deployed forces and their families, particularly families in crisis. Counseling has been instrumental in helping families manage long separations.

Financial readiness is impacting service members' abilities to do their jobs while deployed and also has resulted in suspension of a significant number of security clearances due to indebtedness issues. Financial counseling helps young families navigate a complex financial environment.

This funding also continues critical support to injured military members and their families. These Service members have life changing injuries that require long-term support for families, a new education, creative employment, and reintegration to their hometown.

Impact if not funded: The demand for counseling continues to grow. This proactive approach is enabling service members and their families to cope with the stress of this wartime environment and its aftermath. Lack of funding will negatively impact the readiness of the force and family well-being, perhaps unraveling family support for deployments.

C. Budget Activity 4 (Administrative and Service-Wide Activity) – Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) RESET in Theater

1.	2.5 Other Personnel Support	0	0	13,000	13,000
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Narrative Justification: Service members identify the ability to communicate with family and friends, visual entertainment (books, electronic games, live performances and movies), and access to physical fitness equipment as their top Morale, Welfare and Recreation priorities in a deployed environment.

Morale, Welfare and Recreation support is designed to help alleviate stress and provide Service members a relief from the wartime environment.

Impact if not funded: If not funded, morale in theater will be severely degraded and Morale, Welfare and Recreation equipment cannot be sustained.

Impact if not funded: If not funded, poor living and working conditions will adversely impact the service members' ability to carry out the detainee security force mission in life threatening situations.

Funding Totals	143,000	50,000	158,222	208,222
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