

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EDUCATION ACTIVITY (DoDEA)

FY 2009 Supplemental Request Operations and Maintenance, Defense Wide Budget Activity 04, Administrative and Service-Wide Activities

Detail by Subactivity Group

I. Description of Operations Financed:

These programs are the initiatives for family assistance and Quality of Life (QOL) issues supporting the Service members and their families.

- **Emergency Child Care Support:** Supports the initiative to expand access to childcare using community and corporate partnerships and buy downs of spaces in communities surrounding installations. 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.
- **Military Spouse Careers:** Expands the 18-installation demonstration program for military spouse career advancement accounts through the voluntary education program. Supports state certifications and licensures for portable career credentials and provides financial stability for families.
- **National Guard and Reserve Joint Family Assistance:** Extends the Joint Family Assistance program initiated in Section 675 of the FY 2007 NDAA to all 50 states and four territories. This effort ensures that all National Guard and Reserve members and families are aware of (outreach) and provided access (intervention) to care and services that will assist their reintegration into their families and communities.
- **Family and Service Member Counseling and Intervention:** Continues counseling to support well-being during multiple deployments, extension of deployments and enables Active Duty and National Guard and Reserve service members and families to continue to sustain lengthy separations and high OPTEMPO. This extremely popular service supports the warfighters and their families.

- **Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) RESET in Theater and Bandwidth:** Continues funding to restock MWR support capability in theater due to the extensive use over a number of years as well as the increased number of deployed forces. 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. These resupply units are easily shipped to theater and are invaluable tools in helping to keep morale high. Funds the purchase of additional bandwidth for more than 700 internet cafes that support deployed forces in Iraq. Also supports upgrades to existing equipment such as suppression boxes at each site to maximize the available bandwidth and ensure that web and internet traffic moves at the fastest rate possible. This is a Senate Armed Services Committee item of interest for deployed forces and their families.

II. Force Structure Summary: N/A

III. Financial Summary (\$ in Thousands):

CBS No.	CBS Title	FY 2008 <u>Actuals</u>	FY 2009 <u>Request</u>	FY 2009 <u>Bridge</u>	FY 2009 <u>Remaining</u>
2.5	Other Personnel Support	351,927	770,200	87,460	682,740
	SAG Totals	351,927	770,200	87,460	682,740

A. Subactivity Group - Emergency Child Care Support

1. 2.5 Other Personnel Support	111,320	193,300	21,949	171,351
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Narrative Justification: Military Child Care enables families to manage the military lifestyle while serving their country. Child care also supports spouse education, training and pursuit of a career that benefits the financial stability of military families. Supports the Department's commitment to expand access to childcare using community and corporate partnerships and buy downs of spaces in communities surrounding installations. [The FY 2009 fuel rescission is to offset the cost of these partnerships.] Also continues both emergency childcare and respite care for families of deployed service members. Emergency Child Care Support is non-emergency spending with offsets provided by the FY 2009 base fuel rescission.

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Impact if not funded: Child care is the number one quality of life issue for many service members and their families. Child care responsibilities weigh heavily on the remaining young spouse who must sustain families for periods often longer than a year. Lack of funding will increase the turmoil and unrest in families and will exacerbate the pressure that families are already experiencing because of the high operation tempo and the demands on the stay-behind spouse.

B. Subactivity Group - Military Spouse Careers

1.	2.5 Other Personnel Support	0	53,000	6,019	46,981
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Narrative Justification: Supports the Department’s commitment to expand and strengthen career opportunities for military spouses. This request funds certifications, licensures, training, and education so spouses can more easily find employment when moving from state to state. [The FY 2009 fuel rescission is to offset these costs.]

Impact if not funded: Military spouse education is a morale builder that encourages people to make a life in the military. Education and training benefits help with the financial stability of military families and serve as a retention tool. A military spouse’s support for a career in the Armed Forces is a key factor in the re-enlistment decision of a married service member.

C. Subactivity Group – National Guard and Reserve Joint Family Assistance

1.	2.5 Other Personnel Support	170,000	19,304	150,696
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Narrative Justification: This request extends support to the National Guard and Reserve forces in all 50 states and four territories. This request provides mobile, high quality, effective, and efficient family assistance and services to augment current Family Programs in order to meet the needs of National Guard and Reserve members and their family members. The primary focus is to support service members and their family members who are geographically dispersed from a military installation, including spouses, children, and parents of military members. Providing integrated family support and outreach services to include emotional counseling, financial counseling, new parent support, coaching young families, child development center support and other critical support services is not an option for this critical component of our Department of Defense wargfighting capability. Congress addressed the need for this enhanced, integrated approach in Sec 675, FY 2007 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). The staff will integrate existing services and programs into a community-based comprehensive delivery system that responds to the needs of members and families wherever they are located at all stages of the deployment cycle.

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Impact if not funded: This support is critically needed for Guard and Reserve members who are not located near family support systems on military installations. This effort will allow service members to reintegrate more readily into their units and help to mitigate the impact that deployments have both on the service member and the families.

D. Subactivity Group - Continued Family and Service Member Counseling/Reunion/Outreach and Intervention

1.	2.5 Other Personnel Support	198,529	276,900	31,446	245,454
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Narrative Justification: Families are in crisis and in need of a safety net with many units on their fifth or sixth deployment. Service members and families are struggling to manage the emotional impact of repeated deployments. The University of North Carolina released a study that states that child neglect is four times as likely because of repeated deployments. Families need to know that they are not out there on their own. This activity's outreach and intervention delivery systems are there to help them. 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, with 25 percent of the active duty force taking advantage of counseling services (FY 2006 Status of the Force Survey – Active Duty Members). Each month counseling usage is increasing and with projections predicting service to 35 percent of the force. Further, 39 percent of active duty members report concerns about family emotional issues and 48 percent report anxiety and depression. Funding of these services is critical to stability of the active duty, Guard and Reserve members and military families. This funding ensures that financial counseling is available to help families resolve conflict and learn to communicate effectively about family budgets and spending. Families often focus their anger and emotion on this key area. Resolving financial distress reduces difficulties and communication issues within the family.

Impact if not funded: The demand for counseling continues to grow. The active duty force is in crisis due to anxiety and stress, which is also reflected in the military family. This proactive approach is enabling service members and their families to cope with the stress of the wartime environment and its aftermath.

E. Subactivity Group - Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) RESET in Theater and OEF/OIF Bandwidth

1.	2.5 Other Personnel Support	39,000	77,000	8,742	68,258
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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. This issue restocks MWR support capability and expands bandwidth support for internet cafes in Theater. As addressed in the Senate Armed Services Committee

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Report 110-77, the access to social networking sites such as U-Tube, MySpace, Facebook and similar sites is an issue for the morale of troops and families. While this access is available to CONUS based forces while using sites other than dot.mil networks, there is a need to expand the MWR internet cafes and provide deployed service members access to the social networking sites that have been restricted due to bandwidth and other security related issues. In the OIF theater of operations, the demand for internet cafes has grown dramatically since the beginning of the war. At the end of FY 2006, there were approximately 200 internet cafes - there are now over 700 internet cafes. The bandwidth to support these cafes has not grown proportionally to the increase in sites such that the internet speeds have degraded significantly due to lack of adequate bandwidth.

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

F. Subactivity Group - Guantanamo Bay, Cuba Quality of Life (Redistribution to National Guard & Reserve Family and Service Member Support)

1. 3.7 Other Services/Miscellaneous Contracts	3,078	0	0	0
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There is no FY 2009 request.

Funding Totals	351,927	770,200	87,460	682,740
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