

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EDUCATION ACTIVITY
FY 2010 Overseas Contingency Operation Request: Operation Iraqi Freedom / Operation Enduring Freedom
Operations and Maintenance, Defense Wide
Budget Activity 04, Administrative and Service-Wide Activities

Detail by Subactivity Group

- I. **Description of Operations Financed:** The Department of Defense Education Activity funds Quality of Life (QOL) issues that require FY 2010 supplemental funding.
- **Emergency Child Care Support:** Supports the expansion of child care by buying down spaces in communities surrounding installations. This issue also 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.
 - **National Guard and Reserve Joint Family Assistance:** Continues the Joint Family Assistance program initiated in accordance with Section 675 of the FY 2007 NDAA and ensures service delivery 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. Supports military members and their families throughout the entire deployment cycle.
 - **Family and Service Member Counseling and Intervention:** Provides 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 high demand service that supports the warfighters and their families is also sought after by military commanders at all levels. Families are in crisis with many units on their seventh or eighth deployment. Service members and families are struggling to manage the emotional impact of repeated deployments. It is very alarming to note that 68 percent report problems with anxiety and depression (FY 2008 Status of the Force Survey – Active Duty Members). This counseling has a critical financial component that includes a financial assistance road show to military installations that provides access to counselors for credit and mortgages issues.
 - **Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) RESET in Theater, Fitness, and Bandwidth:** Restocks MWR support capability in theater due to the extensive use over a number of years as well as support for the increased number of deployed forces in Afghanistan. This includes theaters in a box, computer stations, unit recreation kits, free weights and exercise equipment, library

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kits, and up-to-date books and magazines. 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 and Afghanistan. Ensures that critically needed improvements are made to our fitness center infrastructure that supports service member readiness.

II Force Structure Summary: N/A

<u>III Financial Summary (\$ in Thousands):</u>		FY 2008	FY 2009	FY2009	FY 2009	FY 2010
		Actuals	Bridge	Remaining	Total	Total
CBS No.	CBS Title					
2.0	OEF	111,320	9,148	71,432	80,580	204,800
	OIF/GWOT	<u>240,607</u>	<u>78,312</u>	<u>611,308</u>	<u>689,620</u>	<u>348,800</u>
	Total	351,927	87,460	682,740	770,200	553,600

A. Subactivity Group - Emergency Child Care Support

1. 2.5 Other Personnel Support

OEF	111,320	1,248	9,747	10,995	19,600
OIF/GWOT	<u>0</u>	<u>20,701</u>	<u>161,604</u>	<u>182,305</u>	<u>33,400</u>
Total	111,320	21,949	171,351	193,300	53,000

Narrative Justification: Military Child Care helps families manage the military lifestyle while serving their country. Child care also supports spouse education, training and the pursuit of a career that benefits the financial stability of military families. This funding will expand access to quality childcare off the installation and continues respite care for families of deployed service members. FY 2010 base funding increase to provide the same level of support as FY 2009.

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Impact if not funded: Child care is the number one quality of life issue for service members with young children. Most commanders and senior noncommissioned officers rate childcare as one of their top deployment issues for 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 home front spouse.

B. Subactivity Group - National Guard and Reserve Joint Family Assistance

1. 2.5 Other Personnel Support

OEF	0	1,874	14,626	16,500	31,200
OIF/GWOT	<u>0</u>	<u>17,430</u>	<u>136,070</u>	<u>153,500</u>	<u>53,100</u>
Total	0	19,304	150,696	170,000	84,300

Narrative Justification: Supports the National Guard and Reserve forces in all 50 states and four territories. Provides mobile, high quality, effective, and efficient family assistance and services to augment current Family Programs to meet the needs of National Guard and Reserve members and their family members and members who are geographically dispersed from a military installation, including spouses, children, and parents of military members. The staff integrates 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. Outreach services include emotional counseling, financial counseling, new parent support, coaching young families and other critical support services. Congress addressed the need for this enhanced, integrated approach in Sec 675, FY 2007 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). The program provides critical contract support staff in each of the 50 states and the 4 territories to work with the Governor and their staffs to support military families, and augments Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program mobilization events. FY 2010 base funding increase to provide the same level of support as FY 2009.

Impact if not funded: This support is critically needed for geographically dispersed 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 families and help to mitigate the impact that deployments have on both the service member and the families.

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C. Subactivity Group - Family and Service Member Counseling/Reunion/Outreach and Intervention						
1. 2.5 Other Personnel Support						
	OEF	0	4,716	36,819	41,535	105,000
	OIF/GWOT	<u>198,529</u>	<u>26,730</u>	<u>208,635</u>	<u>235,365</u>	<u>178,800</u>
	Total	198,529	31,446	245,454	276,900	283,800

Narrative Justification: Families are in crisis with many units on their seventh or eighth deployment. Service members and families are struggling to manage the emotional impact of repeated deployments. It is alarming to note that 68 percent report problems with anxiety and depression (FY 2008 Status of the Force Survey – Active Duty Members). Additionally, studies of Military Families have shown that child neglect in families is four times as likely because of repeated deployments. The counseling network and outreach resources help bridge the gap in services and ensures that no military family feels isolated and without support. The non-medical counseling provided is a buffer for families so that problems and issues do not escalate into situations requiring medical attention. Service members also seek out this counseling due to its confidential nature. Families need to know that when the hard times occur they have support. 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. Because of deployments, 20 percent of the active duty force report taking advantage of counseling services. Counseling usage is increasing every month. Further, 37 percent of active duty members report serious concerns about family emotional issues. Given the continued rate of deployments and the increased usage of counseling and support services, funding of these services is critical to stability of the active duty, Guard and Reserve members and military families. This funding also ensures that financial counseling is available to help families resolve conflict and learn to communicate effectively about family budgets and spending. Resolving financial distress reduces difficulties and communication issues within the family.

Impact if not funded: Without this funding, stress on military members and their families will continue to grow. This proactive approach enables service members and their families to cope with the stress of the wartime environment and its aftermath.

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

1. 2.5 Other Personnel Support

OEF	0	1,310	10,240	11,550	49,000
OIF/GWOT	39,000	7,432	58,018	65,450	83,500
Total	39,000	8,742	68,258	77,000	132,500

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. The Department restocks MWR support capability and expands bandwidth support for internet cafes in Theater. Soldiers and families use social networking and other similar sites as a means of staying connected with their families and friends. This link helps to ensure a sense of connectedness and well-being. While access to these sites is available to CONUS-based forces (except when using 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 security related issues. In the Afghanistan AOR, MWR cafes are even more remote and scattered. The Department is exploring other innovative solutions such as MWR computers with a satellite uplink to deliver the communication capability in Theater. In the Iraq AORq and surrounding support areas, the demand for internet cafes has grown dramatically since the beginning of the war. MWR Internet cafes now total more than 700. 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: Morale in theater will be severely degraded and MWR equipment cannot be sustained.

E. Subactivity Group - Guantanamo Bay, Cuba Quality of Life

1. 3.7 Other Services/Miscellaneous Contracts

OEF	0	0	0	0	0
OIF/GWOT	3,078	0	0	0	0
Total	3,078	0	0	0	0

There is no FY 2009 or FY 2010 request.

CBS No.	<u>CBS Title</u>	FY 2008 Actuals	FY 2009 Bridge	FY2009 Remaining	FY 2009 Total	FY 2010 Total
G. Subactivity Group - Military Spouse Careers and Training						
1.	2.5 Other Personnel Support					
	OEF	0	0	0	0	0
	OIF	<u>0</u>	<u>6,019</u>	<u>46,981</u>	<u>53,000</u>	<u>0</u>
	Total	<u>0</u>	<u>6,019</u>	<u>46,981</u>	<u>53,000</u>	<u>0</u>

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Funding Totals

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