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CHAPTER 34

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ON DOD INSTALLATIONS3401 OVERVIEW

340101. Purpose. This chapter implements [DoD Instruction 1000.11](#), “Financial Institutions on DoD Installations,” codified in [Title 32, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 230](#), and prescribes guidance governing the establishment, support, operation and termination of banks and credit unions operating on DoD installations worldwide, to include Military Banking Facilities (MBFs). In addition, this chapter provides guidance intended to ensure that arrangements for the provision of services by financial institutions are consistent among DoD Components, and that financial institutions operating on DoD installations provide, and are provided, consistent support.

340102. Applicability. This Regulation applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Military Departments, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Joint Staff and the supporting Joint Agencies, the Combatant Commands, the DoD Inspector General, the Defense Agencies, the DoD Field Activities, the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, all DoD nonappropriated fund instrumentalities including the Military Exchange Services and morale, welfare and recreation (MWR) activities, and all other organizational entities within DoD.

3402 POLICY

The policy pertaining to financial institutions operating on DoD installations is contained in [DoD Instruction 1000.11](#) and in section 3404 of this chapter, “General Policy Provisions.”

3403 RESPONSIBILITIES

340301. The Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) (USD(C)) shall develop and monitor policies governing establishment, operation, and termination of financial institutions on DoD installations.

340302. The Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics) (USD(AT&L)) shall monitor policies and procedures governing logistical support furnished to financial institutions on DoD installations, including the use of DoD real property and equipment.

340303. The Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) (USD(P&R)) shall advise the USD(C) on all aspects of on-base financial institution services that affect the morale and welfare of DoD personnel.

340304. The Director, Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS), shall:

A. Develop procedures governing banks and credit unions on DoD installations for promulgation in this Regulation.

B. For domestic DoD installations, coordinate with the Secretaries of the Military Departments (or designees) on requests from subordinate installation commanders to establish or terminate banking offices or on-base credit unions. For overseas DoD installations, coordinate with the Secretary of the Military Department concerned (or designee) on requests from subordinate installation commanders to establish or discontinue the provision of financial services from the on-base financial institution under contract with DoD or to establish or terminate banking offices or credit unions located on DoD installations.

C. In coordination with affected DoD Components, authorize the specific types of banking services that will be provided by overseas MBFs and specify the charges or fees, or the basis for these, to be levied on users of these services.

D. Coordinate with the Fiscal Assistant Secretary of the Treasury on the designation of domestic and overseas MBFs as depositaries and financial agents of the U.S. Government.

E. Designate a technical representative to provide policy direction for the procuring and administrative contracting officer(s) responsible under the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) for acquiring banking services required at overseas DoD installations.

F. Serve as principal liaison with banking institutions having offices on overseas DoD installations. In this capacity, monitor MBF managerial and operational policies, procedures, and operating results and take action as appropriate.

G. As necessary, assist in the formation of government-to-government agreements for the provision of banking services on overseas DoD installations, in accordance with [DoD Directive 5530.3](#), "International Agreements."

H. Provide procedural guidance to DoD Components, as required.

I. Maintain liaison with financial institution trade associations, leagues, and councils in order to interpret DoD policies toward respective memberships and aid in resolving mutual concerns affecting the provision of financial services.

J. Coordinate with the USD(P&R), through the USD(C), on all aspects of morale and welfare and with the USD(AT&L), through the USD(C), on all aspects of logistic support for on-base financial institutions.

K. Monitor industry trends, conduct studies and surveys, and facilitate appropriate dialogues on banking and credit union arrangements and cost-benefit relationships, coordinate as necessary with DoD Components, financial institutions, and trade associations as appropriate.

L. Maintain liaison, as appropriate, with financial institution regulatory agencies at federal and state levels.

M. Ensure that recommendations of the Combatant Commands are considered before processing requests for overseas banking and credit union service or related actions.

N. Maintain a listing of all geographic franchises assigned to credit unions serving DoD overseas installations.

340305. Secretaries of the Military Departments (or designees) shall:

A. For domestic DoD installations, take action on requests from subordinate installation commanders to establish or terminate financial institution operations in accordance with this guidance. For overseas DoD installations, take action in accordance with guidance contained herein on requests from subordinate installation commanders to establish or discontinue the provision of financial services from the DoD contracted banking institution, or to establish or terminate other financial institutions located on DoD installations.

B. Provide for liaison to those financial institutions that operate banking offices on respective domestic DoD installations.

C. Oversee the use of banking offices and credit unions on respective DoD installations within the guidance contained herein.

D. Evaluate the services provided and related charges and fees by respective on-base banking offices and credit unions to ensure that they fulfill the requirements upon which the establishment and retention of those services were justified.

E. Monitor practices and procedures of respective banking offices and credit unions to ensure that the welfare and interests of DoD personnel as consumers are protected.

F. Assist on-base banking offices and credit unions to develop and expand necessary services for DoD personnel consistent with this Regulation.

G. Encourage the conversion of existing domestic MBFs on respective installations to independent or branch bank status where feasible.

H. Provide logistical support to overseas MBFs under terms and conditions identified in this Regulation as well as with the applicable terms of DoD contracts with financial institutions responsible for the operations of overseas MBFs.

I. Refer matters requiring policy decisions or proposed changes to this Regulation to the USD(C) through the Director, DFAS.

J. Monitor and encourage the use of financial institutions on DoD installations to accomplish the following ends.

1. Facilitate convenient, effective management of the appropriated, nonappropriated, and private funds of on-base activities.

2. Assist DoD personnel in managing their personal finances through participation in programs such as direct deposit and regular savings plans, including U.S. Savings Bonds. The use of on-base financial institutions shall be on a voluntary basis and should not be urged in preference to, or to the exclusion of, other financial institutions.

K. Encourage and assist duly chartered financial institutions on domestic DoD installations to provide complete financial services to include, without charge, basic financial education and counseling services. Financial education and counseling services refer to basic personal and family finances such as budgeting, checkbook balancing and account reconciliation, benefits of savings, prudent use of credit, how to start a savings program, how to shop and apply for credit, and the consequences of excessive credit.

L. Establish liaison, as appropriate, with federal and state regulatory agencies and financial institution trade associations, leagues, and councils.

M. Make military locator services available to on-base financial institutions in accordance with the Privacy Act guidelines in [Appendix B](#) of this chapter.

N. Permit DoD personnel to serve on volunteer boards or committees of on-base financial institutions, without compensation, when neither a conflict of duty nor a conflict of interest is involved, in accordance with [DoD Directive 5500.7](#), “Standards of Conduct.”

O. Allow DoD personnel to attend conferences and meetings that bring together representatives of on-base financial institutions, when neither a conflict of duty nor a conflict of interest is involved, in accordance with [DoD Directive 1327.5](#), “DoD Policy on Leave and Liberty,” and [subchapter 630 of the DoD Civilian Personnel Manual \(DoD 1400.25-M\)](#).

340306. The Commanders of the Combatant Commands (or designees) shall:

A. Ensure the appropriate coordination of the following types of requests affecting financial institutions overseas.

1. Establish financial institutions in countries not presently served. Such requests will include a statement that the requirement has been coordinated with the U.S. Chief of Diplomatic Mission or U.S. Embassy and that the host country will permit the operation.

2. Eliminate any or all financial institutions on DoD installations within a foreign country. Such requests will include a statement that the U.S. Chief of Diplomatic Mission has been informed and that appropriate arrangements to coordinate local termination announcements and procedures have been made with the U.S. Embassy.

B. Monitor and coordinate military banking operations within the command area. Personnel assigned to security assistance positions will not perform this function without the prior approval of the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA).

340307. The Commanders of Major Commands and subordinate installation commanders shall:

A. Monitor the banking and credit union program within their commands.

B. Coordinate requests to establish or construct bank and credit union offices or terminate logistical support as specified in this Regulation to banks and credit unions within their commands. Personnel assigned to overseas security assistance positions will not monitor, coordinate, or assist in military banking operations without the prior approval of the DSCA.

C. Assign, as appropriate, responsibility for subparagraphs 340307.A and B., to comptroller or resource management personnel.

D. Cooperate with financial institution associations, leagues, and councils.

E. Recognize the right of all DoD personnel to organize and join credit unions and promote the credit union movement in DoD worldwide.

F. Permit DoD personnel to serve on volunteer boards or committees of on-base financial institutions, without compensation, when neither a conflict of duty nor a conflict of interest is involved, in accordance with [DoD Directive 5500.7](#).

G. Allow DoD personnel to attend conferences and meetings that bring together representatives of on-base financial institutions, when neither a conflict of duty nor a conflict of interest is involved, in accordance with [DoD Directive 1327.5](#) and [subchapter 630 of the DoD Civilian Personnel Manual \(DoD 1400.25-M\)](#).

H. Seek the provision of financial services only from existing on-base financial institutions, proposing alternatives only where on-base financial institutions fail to respond favorably to a valid requirement.

I. Ensure to the maximum extent feasible, that all financial institutions operating on that installation are given the opportunity to participate in pilot programs to demonstrate new financial-related technologies or establish new business lines (e.g., in-store banking) where the respective DoD Component has determined that the offering of such services is warranted.

J. Approve requests for termination of financial services that are substantiated by sufficient evidence and forwarded to the Secretary of the Military Department concerned (or designee). The Secretary of the Military Department (or designee) shall coordinate such requests with the USD(C)/CFO, through the Director, DFAS, before notifying the appropriate regulatory agency.

3404 GENERAL POLICY PROVISIONS

340401. Financial Institutions on DoD Installations. In accordance with [DoD Instruction 1000.11](#), financial institutions or branches thereof, shall be established on DoD installations only after approval by the Secretary of the Military Department concerned (or designee) and the appropriate regulatory agency.

A. Except in limited situations overseas, only banking institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and credit unions insured by the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund, or by another insurance organization specifically qualified by the Secretary of the Treasury, shall operate on DoD installations. These financial institutions may either be State or federally chartered; however, U.S. credit unions operated overseas shall be federally insured.

B. MBFs shall be established on DoD installations only when a demonstrated and justified need cannot be met through other means. The provisions for the Department of the Treasury to establish MBFs are contained in [12 U.S.C. 265](#). Normally, MBFs shall be authorized only at overseas locations. This form of financial institution may be considered for use at domestic DoD installations only when the cognizant DoD Component has been unable to obtain, through normal means, financial services from a State or federally chartered financial institution authorized to operate in the State in which the installation is located. During mobilization, it may become necessary to designate additional MBFs as an emergency measure. The Director, DFAS, may recommend the designation of MBFs to the Department of the Treasury.

C. Expansion of financial services (to include in-store banking) requiring the outgrant of additional space or logistical support shall be approved by the installation commander. Any DoD activity or financial institution seeking to expand financial services shall coordinate such requests with the installation bank and credit union liaison officer prior to the commander's consideration.

D. Retail banking operations shall not be performed by any DoD Component. Solicitations for such services shall be issued, or proposals accepted, only in accordance with the policies identified in [DoD Instruction 1000.11](#) or this chapter. The DoD Components shall rely on commercially available sources in accordance with [DoD Directive 4100.15](#), "Commercial Activities Program."

E. Installation commanders shall not seek the provision of financial services from any entity other than the on-base banking office or credit union.

F. Military disbursing offices, nonappropriated fund instrumentalities (including MWR activities and the Military Exchange Services) and other DoD Component activities requiring financial services shall use on-base financial institutions to the maximum extent feasible.

G. Nonappropriated fund instrumentalities (including MWR activities and the Military Exchange Services) that desire and are authorized to provide accommodation exchange services shall acquire foreign currency from the servicing MBF at the MBF wholesale rate and sell it at a rate of exchange no more favorable than the customer rate available at the MBF.

340402. Security. The installation commander (or designee) and officials of the on-base financial institutions shall work with the installation security authorities to establish an understanding as to each entity's responsibilities. The on-base financial institutions are encouraged to establish an ongoing relationship with installation security authorities on all matters of asset protection.

A. A written agreement shall be established outlining the security procedures that the financial institution will follow and the role that installation security authorities will play with regard to alarms, movement of cash, and procedures to be followed in response to criminal activity (e.g., armed robbery).

B. Cash and other assets in on-base banking offices and credit unions are the property of those financial institutions. Maintenance of alarms and use of armored cars is the sole responsibility of the on-base financial institution. The on-base financial institution is also solely responsible for the guarding or escorting of cash unless a determination is made by the installation commander that providing such services is desirable or necessary.

340403. Central Locator Services. Military locator services shall be provided per the guidelines in [Appendix B](#) of this chapter.

A. When appropriate, installations will process financial institution requests for central locator service to obtain military addresses of active duty personnel. This service will be used to locate persons for settling accounts, and recovering funds on checks that did not clear or loans that are delinquent or in default (see [DoD Directive 1344.9](#)). If delinquent loans or dishonored checks are not recouped within 48 hours, financial institutions operating on DoD installations may bring this information to the attention of the local commander, bank liaison officer, or other designee for assistance in effecting restitution of the amount due, if not otherwise prohibited by law. The financial institution will pay the appropriate fee for each request to the respective Military Department (see [Volume 11A, Chapter 4](#), of this Regulation).

B. The DoD Components shall assist financial institutions to locate DoD personnel whose whereabouts cannot be locally determined. The request should be on the financial institution's letterhead, include the Service member's name and social security number, and cite the cognizant Military Service regulation that authorizes the use of locator services. If a financial institution needs immediate service, the cognizant institution official should contact the bank or credit union liaison officer.

1. For addresses of Department of the Army active, retired, separated and civilian personnel, financial institutions may telephone (703) 325-3732 or write to:

Department of the Army Worldwide Locator
U.S. Army Enlisted Record and Evaluation Center
8899 E. 56th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46249-5301

2. For addresses of Navy active, retired, separated and civilian personnel, financial institutions may telephone (901) 874-3388 or write to:

Navy Personnel Command
PERS-312F
5720 Integrity Drive
Millington, TN 38055-3120

3. For addresses of Department of the Air Force active, retired, separated and civilian personnel, financial institutions may telephone (210) 565-2660 or write to:

Air Force Personnel Center
MSIMDL Suite 50
550 C Street West
Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4752

4. For addresses of United States Marine Corps active, retired/ separated and civilian personnel, financial institutions may telephone (703) 784-3942 or write to:

<u>Active</u>	<u>Retired/Separated</u>	<u>Civilian</u>
U.S. Marine Corps HQMC (Code MMSB-10) 2008 Elliot Road Quantico, VA 22134-5030	U.S. Marine Corps HQMC (Code MMSR-6) 3280 Russell Road Quantico, VA 22134-5103	Commanding General 15303 Andrew Road Kansas City, MO 64147- 1207

340404. Advertising

A. An on-base financial institution may use the unofficial section of that installation’s daily bulletin, provided space is available, to inform DoD personnel of financial services and announce seminars, consumer information programs, and other matters of broad general interest. Announcements of free financial counseling services are encouraged. Such media may not be used for competitive or comparative advertising of, for example, specific interest rates on savings or loans.

B. An on-base financial institution may use installation bulletin boards, newsletters or web pages to post general information that complements the installation’s financial counseling programs and promotes financial responsibility and thrift. Message center services may distribute a reasonable number of announcements to units for use on bulletin boards so long as this does not impose an unreasonable workload.

C. An on-base financial institution may include an insert in the installation’s newcomers package (or equivalent). This insert should benefit newcomers by identifying the financial services that are available on the installation.

D. [DoD Directive 5120.20](#) prevents use of the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service to promote a specific financial institution.

E. Off-base financial institutions are not permitted to distribute competitive literature or forms on the installation. These institutions, however, may use commercial advertising, mailings or telecommunications to reach their customers.

F. Advertising in government-funded (official) installation papers is not permitted with the exception of insert advertising in the [Stars and Stripes](#) overseas. Installation newspapers funded by advertisers are not official publications and, thus, may include advertising paid for by any financial institution.

G. Installation activities, including Military Exchange Services and concessionaire outlets, shall not permit the distribution of literature from off-base financial institutions if there is an on-base financial institution. This does not prevent the Military Exchange Services from distributing literature on affinity credit card services

that those Military Exchange Services may acquire centrally through competitive solicitation.

340405. Automated Teller Machine (ATM) Service. On-base financial institutions are encouraged to install ATMs at those installation(s) on which they are located.

A. ATMs are considered electronic banking services and, as such, shall be provided only by financial institutions that are chartered and insured in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 340401 of this chapter.

B. Financial institutions that propose to install ATMs on DoD installations shall bear the cost of ATM installation, maintenance and operation. The installation commander may enter into an agreement with the on-base financial institution wherein the installation may acquire and provide ATMs to on-base financial institutions under certain circumstances, such as when it is advantageous to the government to have one or more ATMs available for use but the acquisition cost to the financial institution is prohibitive. No ATM shall be purchased by an installation unless approved by the Secretary of the Military Department concerned (or designee). In all such cases, installation costs and all logistic support shall be borne by the financial institution.

C. ATM approval authority is as follows:

1. The installation commander has approval authority when an on-base financial institution wishes to place an ATM on the installation. This approval should be reflected as an amendment to the operating agreement.

2. Where there is no on-base financial institution, follow the solicitation procedures to obtain financial services set forth in paragraphs 340503 and 340702.

D. The availability of ATM service shall not preclude the later establishment of a banking office should conditions change on an installation.

E. Proposals by an installation commander to install ATMs on domestic installations from other than on-base financial institutions, including the Military Exchange Services, MWR activities and/or other nonappropriated fund instrumentalities, shall be considered only when (1) ATM service is unavailable or existing service is inadequate, and (2) only when the on-base financial institution(s) either declines to provide the service, fails to improve existing service so that it is adequate, or does not formally respond to the request for such service within 30 days of the date of the request. Any ATM service from other than on-base financial institutions is considered an exception to policy. The procedures to establish an on-base financial institution set forth in paragraphs 340503 and 340702, shall be followed when soliciting for such ATM services. Proposals offering shared-access ATMs (e.g., ATMs operated by

two or more financial institutions where their accountholders are not assessed any or all fees applicable to nonaccountholders) shall receive preference.

F. ATM service from foreign banking institutions may be authorized on overseas installations with or without MBFs operated under contract where the installation or community commander determines that a bonafide need exists to support local national hires. On installations with MBFs operated under contract, the MBFs shall be the primary source of the ATM service except when a determination has been made by the cognizant contract program office that providing the service is either not cost effective or precluded by pertinent status of forces agreements, other intergovernmental agreements or host-country law. In those instances where ATM service from foreign banking institutions is authorized and provided by other than the on-base financial institution, ATM connectivity shall be limited to host country networks and the ATMs shall dispense only local currency (no U.S. dollars). The operating agreement covering ATM service shall be negotiated by the installation or community commander and submitted for approval by the appropriate Combatant Commander (or designee) prior to its execution. A copy of the operating agreement will be forwarded through DoD Component channels to the DFAS.

340406. Domestic and International Treasury General Accounts. In cases where authorization will be required for the on-base banking office or credit union to act as a Treasury General Account (TGA) domestic depository (or, on overseas installations, an International Treasury General Account (ITGA) depository), the financial institution shall satisfy the risk management standard established by the Secretary of the Treasury. Local operating funds may be used if the on-base financial institution requests reimbursement for costs incurred. On-base financial institutions shall accept deposits for credit to the TGA (or ITGA) when so authorized.

340407. Staffing

A. On-base financial institutions shall be staffed adequately (i.e., commensurate with industry standards for similar numbers of accountholders and financial services rendered). Staffing at overseas MBFs operated under DoD contract shall be maintained within negotiated ceilings.

B. All staffing shall comply fully with applicable equal employment opportunity laws and with the spirit of DoD equal employment opportunity policies as set forth in [DoD Directive 1440.1](#).

C. DoD personnel, excluding military retirees and their dependents, may not serve as directors of domestic or foreign banking institutions operating banking offices on those DoD installations where they currently are assigned. This does not preclude a member of a Reserve Component, who has been serving as a director of a domestic or foreign banking institution operating a banking office on a DoD installation, from retaining his or her directorship if called to active duty.

D. DoD personnel may not be detailed to duty with an on-base financial institution located on a DoD installation. Off-duty personnel, however, may be employed by an on-base financial institution subject to approval by the installation commander (or designee). Such employment must not interfere with the performance of the individual's official duties and responsibilities.

340408. Departure Clearance. The installation commander establishes the clearance policy for all DoD personnel leaving the installation. The on-base financial institutions shall be included as places requiring clearance. The purpose of a clearance is to report change of address, reaffirm allotments or outstanding debts, and receive financial counseling, if desired or appropriate. Clearance may not be denied in order to collect debts or resolve disputes with financial institution management.

340409. Financial Education

A. Officials of on-base financial institutions shall be invited to take part in seminars to educate personnel on personal financial management and financial services. Financial institutions shall be encouraged to provide financial education and counseling services as an integral part of their financial service offerings. Officials of on-base financial institutions shall submit advance briefing texts for approval by the installation commander to ensure that the program is not used to promote services of a specific financial institution.

B. DoD personnel who tender uncollectible checks, overdraw their accounts or fail to meet their financial obligations in a proper and timely manner damage their credit reputation and adversely affect the public image of all government personnel. For uniformed personnel, military financial counselors and legal advisors shall recommend workable repayment plans that avoid further endangering credit ratings and counsel affected personnel to protect their credit standing and career. Counselors shall ensure that such personnel are aware of the stigma associated with bankruptcy and difficulties in obtaining future credit at reasonable rates and terms and shall recommend its use only when no other alternative will alleviate the situation.

340410. Operating Agreements

A. Before operations of an on-base banking office or credit union begin, a written operating agreement ([Appendix C](#) of this chapter) and the appropriate real estate outgrant (i.e., a lease, permit or license issued as identified in paragraphs 340505, 340506, 340507, 340704, 340705, and 340706) shall be negotiated directly between the installation commander and officials of the designated financial institution. Thereafter, the operating agreement shall be jointly reviewed by the installation commander and the financial institution at least once every 5 years. The operating agreement shall define the basic relationship between the on-base financial institution and the installation commander and identify mutual support activities such as hours of operation, service fees and security provided. One copy of the agreement shall be sent through command channels to the Secretary of the Military Department concerned (or designee).

A copy of the agreement shall be maintained by the installation commander and the banking office or on-base credit union. At a minimum, the agreement shall include the following provisions:

1. Identification of services to be rendered and the conditions for service. Full financial services shall be provided where feasible. Agreements, however, may not restrict either entity's right to renegotiate services and fees.
2. Agreement by both parties to comply with this Regulation and [DoD Instruction 1000.11](#) (codified in [Title 31 of the Code of Federal Regulations](#)).
3. Agreement by the on-base financial institution that it will furnish copies of its financial reports and other local publications on an "as needed" basis in response to a formal request from the installation commander (or designee).
4. Agreement that the on-base financial institution will indemnify and hold harmless the U.S. Government from (and against) any loss, expense, claim, or demand to which the U.S. Government may be subjected as a result of death, loss, destruction, or damage in conjunction with the use and occupancy of the premises caused in whole or in part by agents or employees of the on-base financial institution.
5. Agreement that neither DoD nor its representatives shall be responsible or liable for the financial operation of the on-base financial institution or for any loss (including criminal losses), expense, or claim for damages arising from operations.
6. Agreement by the on-base financial institution (or any successor) that it will provide no less than 180 days advance written notice to the installation commander before ceasing operations.
7. Specification of the security services to be provided for guarding cash shipments, at times of unusual risk to the financial institution, and to avoid excessive insurance costs charged to that institution.
8. Statement that the physical security for cash and negotiable items will be in a manner consistent with the requirements of the on-base financial institution's insurer. A copy of those requirements will be provided to the installation commander on request.
9. Statement that the financial institution, whenever possible, will accommodate local command requests for lectures and printed materials for consumer credit education programs. Officials invited to participate in such programs shall not use the occasion to promote the exclusive services of a particular financial institution.

10. Agreement that the financial institution will reimburse the installation for the provision of logistical support (such as custodial, janitorial, and other services provided by the government) at rates set forth in the lease or agreement between the installation and the financial institution.

11. Statement that on-base financial institution operations shall be terminated, when required, under provisions specified in this Regulation.

B. Approved expansion of services will be documented as an amendment to the existing operating agreement between the installation commander and the on-base financial institution. The amendment to the operating agreement and any required lease (to include a change to an existing lease) shall be in place prior to the initiation of new financial services or offices.

340411. Installation Financial Services

A. Retail banking operations shall not be performed by any DoD Component or nonappropriated fund instrumentality including the Military Exchange Services and MWR activities or any other organizational entity within DoD.

B. Financial services provided on DoD installations will be as uniform as possible for all personnel. As separately negotiated, or based on a fee schedule, custodians of nonappropriated funds shall compensate on-base financial institutions for services received. Compensation may be made with compensating balances or paying fees based on the services provided or a combination of these payment mechanisms. Fees shall not exceed the charge customary for the financial institution less an offsetting credit on balances maintained. Banking offices shall classify nonappropriated fund accounts as commercial accounts.

C. At a minimum, banking offices shall provide the same services to individuals and nonappropriated fund instrumentalities as are available in the surrounding geographic area.

D. On-base financial institutions may conduct operations during normal duty hours provided they do not disrupt the performance of official duties. Operating hours shall be set, in consultation with the bank or credit union liaison officer, to meet the needs of all concerned. ATMs may be used to expand financial services and operating hours.

E. DoD personnel may use their allotment of pay privileges to establish sound credit and savings practices through on-base financial institutions.

1. The on-base financial institution shall credit customer accounts not later than the deposit date of the allotment check or electronic funds transfer.

2. The initiation of an allotment is voluntary (see [Volume 7A, Chapter 42](#), section 4202, of this Regulation). Thus, DoD personnel generally cannot be required to initiate an allotment for the repayment of a loan. Allotments voluntarily established by DoD personnel for the purpose of repaying a loan or otherwise providing funds to an on-base financial institution shall continue in effect at the option of the allotter.

F. In accordance with sound lending practice, policies on loans to individuals are expected to be as liberal as feasible while remaining consistent with the overall interests of the on-base financial institution. On-base financial institutions shall conform to the Standards of Fairness principles before executing loan or credit agreements (see [DoD Directive 1344.9](#), “Indebtedness of Military Personnel”).

G. On-base financial institutions shall make basic financial education and counseling services available without charge to individuals seeking these services. Financial education and counseling services refer to basic personal and family finances such as budgeting, checkbook balancing and account reconciliation, benefits of savings, prudent use of credit, how to start a savings program, how to shop and apply for credit, and the consequences of excessive credit. DoD personnel in junior enlisted or civilian grades, or newly married couples who apply for loans, shall be given special attention and counseling.

H. On-base financial institutions must strive to provide the best service to all customers. On-base financial institutions that evidence a policy of discrimination in their services are in violation of this Regulation. In resolving complaints of discrimination, use the procedures specified in subparagraph 340508.H.

I. All correspondence regarding on-base financial institutions, and questions concerning their operation that cannot be resolved locally, shall be referred through command channels to the Secretary of the Military Department concerned (or designee) for consideration.

3405 DOMESTIC BANKS

340501. General Policy. Given their role in promoting morale and welfare, on-base banks shall be recognized and assisted by DoD Components at all levels.

340502. Establishment

A. The following information shall be included in the installation commander’s request to the Secretary of the Military Department concerned (or designee) for establishment of banking offices:

1. The approximate number of DoD personnel at the installation, and other persons who may be authorized to use the banking office.

2. The distance between the installation and the financial institutions in the vicinity, and the names of those institutions.

3. Available transportation between the installation and the financial institutions listed in subparagraph 340502.A.2.

4. The number of DoD personnel in duty assignments that confine them to the installation or who cannot obtain transportation (such as hospital patients).

5. The name and location of the depository used to make official deposits for credit to the TGA.

6. A list of organizational and nonappropriated fund accounts, the name and location of the financial institutions where deposited, and the average daily activity and balance of each account.

7. A written description and photographs of the space proposed for banking office use.

8. A statement listing the requirements of the proposed banking office for safes and a vault, alarm systems, and surveillance equipment, when necessary.

9. Reasons for use of space controlled by the General Services Administration (GSA). All the GSA-assigned space, whether leased space or federal office building space, is reimbursable to the GSA at the standard level user charge. As such, space occupied by a banking office to serve military needs will be assigned and charged by the GSA.

10. Any other information pertinent to the establishment of a banking office.

B. The Secretary of the Military Departments (or designee) shall:

1. Review each request for the establishment of banking offices.

2. Conduct a solicitation for the services when warranted.

3. Approve proposals for banking offices.

4. Notify the selected financial institution either directly or through the installation commander. The selected banking institution will, in turn, obtain operating authority from their regulating agencies.

5. Forward proposals to establish TGAs to the DFAS for subsequent forwarding to the Fiscal Assistant Secretary of the Treasury in accordance with [Volume 5, Chapter 5](#), paragraph 050102, of this Regulation.

340503. Solicitations. The Secretary of the Military Department concerned (or designee), or the installation commander with advice from the cognizant Secretary of the Military Department (or designee), shall conduct solicitations to include pre-proposal conferences for on-base banking. Subject to the criteria for selection outlined in subparagraph 340503.D, the preferred sources of on-base financial services at domestic installations are federally-insured, state-chartered or federally-insured, federally-chartered banking institutions operating in the local area. Subparagraph 340503.A., addresses distribution of the solicitation only and does not preclude any federally-insured, state-chartered or federally-insured, federally-chartered banking institution from responding at any stage (from local distribution in subparagraph 340503.A.1, to publication in the Commerce Business Daily and financial institution trade journals as outlined in 340503.A.3) of the solicitation process. No commitment may be made to any banking institution regarding its proposal until a designation is made by the appropriate regulatory agency.

A. Solicitations for banking services shall be accomplished in the following order:

1. Solicitation letters will be sent to local banking institutions and a solicitation announcement will be published in the local newspaper(s) and forwarded to financial institution associations.

2. If the Secretary of the Military Department concerned (or designee) or, where delegated, the installation commander, determines that the geographic scope of the solicitation needs to be expanded, a prospectus will be forwarded to financial institutions in a larger geographic area, as well as financial institution associations and regulatory authorities in the state where the installation is located.

3. If the Secretary of the Military Department concerned (or designee) or, where delegated, the installation commander, determines that the geographic scope of the solicitation needs to be expanded further, the prospectus will be published in the Commerce Business Daily and financial institution trade journals.

B. For solicitations conducted at the installation level, the installation commander shall review proposals to establish banking offices, select the banking institution making the best offer and forward a recommendation to the Secretary of the Military Department concerned (or designee) for final approval.

C. Banking institutions shall not be coerced when banking arrangements are under consideration or after banking offices are established. If otherwise proper, this prohibition does not preclude:

1. Discussions with banking institutions prior to submitting a proposal for a new banking office.
2. Helping banking offices extend their operations in support of an installation requirement.
3. Discussions with banking institutions to improve services or to create savings for the banking institution or DoD personnel.
4. Seeking proposals for banking service as directed by the Secretary of the Military Department concerned (or designee).
5. Negotiations preparatory to signing a banking agreement.

D. When soliciting for banking services, proposals shall be evaluated on specific factors identified in the solicitation. These factors, at a minimum, shall be predicated on the services to be provided as outlined in [Appendix C](#), paragraph 3, of this chapter, the financial institution's schedule of service fees and charges, and the extent of logistical support required. Prior to issuance of the solicitation, the preparing office shall identify (for internal use during the subsequent evaluation period) the weights to be applied to the factors reflected in the solicitation. Proposals shall be evaluated and ultimate selection made based upon the factors and weights developed for the solicitation.

E. The Secretary of the Military Department concerned (or designee), or the installation commander with advice from the cognizant Secretary of the Military Department (or designee), shall make the selection of the banking institution based on the provisions outlined in this section.

340504. Terminations

A. Requests for termination of financial services shall be approved by the installation commander, substantiated by sufficient evidence and forwarded to the Secretary of the Military Department concerned (or designee). The termination of banking office operations shall be initiated by the installation commander only under one of the following conditions:

1. The mission of the installation has changed, or is scheduled to be changed, thereby eliminating or substantially reducing the requirement for financial services.
2. Active military operations prevent continuation of on-base financial services.
3. Performance of the banking office in providing services is not satisfactory according to standards ordinarily associated with the financial services

industry or is inconsistent with the operating agreements or the procedures prescribed herein.

4. When merger, acquisition, change of control or other action results in violation of the terms and conditions of the existing operating agreement, the Secretary of the Military Department (or designee) shall terminate the operating agreement with the existing banking institution. When the merger, acquisition, change of control or other action does not result in violation of the terms and conditions of the existing operating agreement, the Secretary of the Military Department (or designee) shall initiate a novation action of the operating agreement identifying the change in control.

B. The installation commander shall forward requests for termination to the Secretary of the Military Department concerned (or designee). The Secretary of the Military Department (or designee) shall coordinate all termination actions with the USD(C), through the Director, DFAS, before notification to the appropriate regulatory agency. Subsequent to this coordination process:

1. The Secretary of the Military Department (or designee) shall inform the regulatory agency of the action.

2. The installation commander shall revoke the authority of the financial institution to operate. The lease will be terminated.

C. Any banking office that intends to terminate its operations should notify the installation commander at least 180 days before the closing date. This notification should precede any public announcement of the planned closure. When appropriate, the commander shall attempt to negotiate an agreement permitting the banking office to continue operations until the installation has made other arrangements. Immediately upon notification of a closing, the commander shall advise the DoD Component headquarters concerned. If it is determined that continuation of banking services is justified, action to establish another banking office shall be taken in accordance with the guidance prescribed herein.

340505. Use of Space, Logistical Support, and Military Real Property for Domestic Banks

A. Lease Terms

1. The consideration for a lease shall be determined by appraisal of fair market rental value in accordance with [10 U.S.C. 2667](#). Periodic reappraisals shall be based upon the fair market rental value exclusive of the improvements made by the banks.

2. The term of the lease shall not exceed 5 years except where the banking institution uses its own funds to improve existing government space as

outlined in subparagraph 340505.E. If space occupied is assigned by the GSA, charges to financial institutions for space and services shall be at the GSA standard level user rate.

3. Leases shall include the following provisions:

a. The government has the right to terminate the lease due to national emergency; installation inactivation, closing, or other disposal action; or default by the lessee.

b. The lessee shall provide written notice 180 days prior to voluntarily terminating the lease.

c. Upon a lease termination, the government has the option to cause the title of all structures and other improvements to be conveyed to the United States without reimbursement, or require the lessee to remove the improvements and restore the land to its original condition.

B. Logistical Support

1. The banking office shall be housed in a building accessible to DoD personnel on the installation and in a location permitting reasonable security.

2. Banking institutions shall perform all maintenance, repair, improvements, alterations, and construction on the banking premises.

3. Banking institutions shall pay for all utilities (i.e., electricity, natural gas or fuel oil, water and sewage), heating and air conditioning, intrastation telephone service, and custodial and janitorial services to include garbage disposal and outdoor maintenance (such as grass cutting and snow removal) at rates set forth in the lease, operating agreement or other written agreement between the installation and the banking institution.

C. Leases executed before the issuance of this Regulation may not be altered solely as a result of the provisions of this Regulation unless a lessee specifically requests a renegotiation under these provisions. No lease may be negotiated or renegotiated, nor may any rights be waived or surrendered without compensation to the government.

D. When a banking institution participates in the construction of a shopping mall complex the lease shall cover only land where the banking office physically is located.

E. When a banking institution uses its own funds to improve existing government space, leases, for a period not to exceed 25 years subject to periodic review every 5 years to assess changes in fair market value, may be negotiated for a period

commensurate with the appraised value of the leasehold improvements divided by the annual lease fee.

340506. Land Leases

A. A lease for construction of a building to house a banking office shall be at the appraised fair market rental value. Charges shall apply for the term of the lease not to exceed 25 years, subject to periodic review every 5 years to assess changes in fair market value.

B. If determined to be in the government's interest, an existing lease of land may be extended prior to expiration of its term. Passage of title to facilities shall be deferred until all extensions have expired. Such extensions shall be for periods not to exceed 5 years with lease payments set at the appraised fair market rental of the land only as determined on the date of each such extension. Banking institution lessees shall continue to maintain the premises and pay for utilities and services furnished.

C. When, under the terms of a lease, title to improvements passes to the government, arrangements normally will be made as follows:

1. When the square footage involved exceeds that authorized in the Unified Facilities Criteria and Unified Facilities Guide Specifications ([MIL-STD-3007](#)), the banking institution shall be given first choice to continue occupying the excess space under a lease that provides for fair market rental for the land underlying that excess space.

2. The charge for continued occupancy of improved space by a banking office shall be at fair market rental value only for the associated land. The lessee shall continue to maintain the premises and pay the cost of utilities and services furnished.

340507. Construction. Banks may construct buildings subject to the following provisions:

A. The building shall be solely for the use of the banking institution and may not provide for other commercial enterprises or government instrumentalities.

B. Construction projects must meet the criteria in the Unified Facilities Criteria and Unified Facilities Guide Specifications ([MIL-STD-3007](#)).

C. Construction Projects Approval Authority:

1. Projects costing \$25,000 or more shall be approved by the Major Command with an information copy sent to the Secretary of the Military Department concerned (or designee). The Secretary of the Military Department (or

designee) shall have 30 days to provide comments to the Major Command before final approval can be granted.

2. Projects costing less than \$25,000, to include interior alterations and room or office additions to existing banking offices, shall be approved by installation commanders. Copies of approvals, including the identification of project cost, shall be furnished to the Secretary of the Military Department concerned (or designee).

D. The Congress shall be notified of all construction projects, using other than appropriated funds and costing over \$500,000, in accordance with [DoD Instruction 7700.18](#), “Commissary Surcharge, Nonappropriated Fund (NAF), and Privately Financed Construction Reporting Procedures.”

E. Proposals for construction of structures on installations at a banking institution’s expense shall be reviewed and reported in accordance with regulations of the Military Department concerned. The following information shall be listed to support each proposal:

1. Number of DoD personnel at the installation plus others who may use the banking office
2. Square footage of the proposed building
3. Land area to be leased to the banking institution
4. Term of the lease
5. Estimated cost of construction
6. Estimated fair market value of the land to be leased
7. A statement that the banking institution will be responsible for utility connections and other utility and maintenance costs
8. A statement that the building will be used only for financial services
9. A statement that financial institution officials understand the potential loss of the building in the event of installation closure or other delimiting condition
10. Justification for a waiver of space criteria if the building exceeds that specified in the Unified Facilities Criteria and Unified Facilities Guide Specifications ([MIL-STD-3007](#)).

F. Banks shall pay for interior alterations and maintenance as well as utilities, custodial, and other furnished services.

G. Banks shall pay all construction costs.

340508. Bank Liaison Officer (BLO). Each installation commander having an on-base banking office shall appoint a BLO. The BLO's name and duty telephone number shall be displayed prominently at each banking office on the installation. As appropriate, the BLO's responsibility shall be assigned to comptroller or resource management personnel. Employees, officials or directors of a financial institution may not serve as BLOs. The BLO shall:

A. Ensure that the banking institution operating the banking office has the latest version of this Regulation.

B. Ensure that traveler's checks and money orders are not being sold by other on-base organizations when banking offices are open for business. Postal units and credit unions, however, are exempt from this restriction. Also, ensure that other financial services, to include vehicle financing on domestic installations, are offered only by the banking office.

C. Attend financial workshops, conferences, and seminars as appropriate. These gatherings offer excellent opportunities for personnel of financial institutions and the Department to improve the military banking program. Free discussion among the attendees gives an excellent forum for planning, developing, and reviewing programs that improve financial services made available to DoD personnel and organizations.

D. Assist, when requested by the banking office manager or the installation commander, in locating and collecting from individuals tendering uncollectible checks, overdrawing accounts, or defaulting on loans (within the guidelines of Appendix B of this chapter) if not otherwise prohibited by law.

E. Maintain regular contact with the banking office manager to confer and discuss quantitative and qualitative improvements in the services provided. In executing this authority, the BLO shall not become involved in the internal operations of the financial institution.

F. Review the schedule of service charges and fees annually, and ensure that the operating agreement is updated at least every 5 years. Renegotiate the financial services offered and related service charges and fees as necessary.

G. Assist in resolving customer complaints about banking services.

H. Assist in resolving complaints of discrimination with financial services by the banking institution. If a complaint cannot be resolved, a written request

for investigation shall be forwarded to the appropriate regulatory agency. Any such request must document the problem and command efforts taken toward its resolution. Information copies of all related correspondence shall be sent through channels to the Secretary of the Military Department concerned (or designee) for transmittal to the DFAS.

I. Assist the installation commander to report to the appropriate regulatory agency any evidence suggesting malpractice by banking office personnel.

340509. In-Store Banking. Under the direction and approval of the installation commander, an on-base financial institution may provide in-store banking within the premises of a commissary operated by the Defense Commissary Agency, a Military Exchange, or any other on-base retail facility.

A. Provision of the requested services, and any associated stipulations, shall be documented as an amendment to the existing operating agreement between the installation commander and the on-base financial institution that will provide in-store services.

B. The amendment to the operating agreement shall be drafted through close coordination between the requesting DoD Component representative, the on-base financial institution representative, the bank liaison officer, and the installation commander (or designee). The final amendment shall be signed by the installation commander and the on-base financial institution with the acknowledgement of the DoD Component that will host the in store banking operation.

C. The installation commander shall extend the opportunity to provide the requested in-store banking services to all financial institutions located on the installation. The selection process is outlined in [Appendix D](#) of this chapter.

D. Space shall be granted by the installation commander through a lease to the banking institution that will provide in-store service.

340510. Domestic Military Banking Facilities (MBFs)

A. Domestic MBF Establishment

1. Requests to establish MBFs shall be made only when a need for services cannot be met by other means. During mobilization, however, MBFs may be designated as an emergency measure.

2. Installation commanders shall send requests for an MBF with justification for its establishment through the Secretary of the Military Department concerned (or designee) to the Director, DFAS, for coordination with the Department of the Treasury. The Department of the Treasury may approve the designation of an MBF under provisions of [12 U.S.C. 265](#).

3. MBF operations may begin only after approval for MBF status is granted by the Department of the Treasury.

B. MBF Conversion

1. Where MBFs exist, installation commanders shall encourage their conversion to independent or branch banks.

2. Proposals from the on-base banking institution to convert an existing MBF to an independent or branch bank shall be sent through command channels to the Secretary of the Military Department concerned (or designee) for approval. The Secretary of the Military Department (or designee) shall forward the request to the Director, DFAS, for coordination with the Department of the Treasury.

3. Unsolicited proposals from banking institutions to establish independent or branch banks where an MBF exists shall be forwarded through command channels to the Secretary of the Military Department concerned (or designee). Each proposal shall be evaluated on its own merits.

a. The installation commander shall inform the banking institution operating the MBF that an unsolicited proposal for a banking office has been received and shall offer that incumbent institution the opportunity to submit its own proposal.

b. Preference to operate an independent or branch bank shall be given to the banking institution that has operated the MBF, provided that the banking service previously rendered has been satisfactory and that the institution's proposal is adequate.

C. MBF Termination. The Director, DFAS, shall coordinate the termination of a financial institution's authority to operate an MBF with the Department of the Treasury.

3406 OVERSEAS BANKS

340601. General Provisions of Banking Services Overseas. The Department acquires banking services overseas for use by authorized persons and organizations from the following sources.

A. MBFs operated under contract and authorized by the pertinent status of forces agreement, other intergovernmental agreements, or host-country law.

B. Domestic and foreign banking institutions located on overseas DoD installations. Each such institution shall be:

1. Chartered to provide financial services in that country.

2. A party to a formal operating agreement with the installation commander to provide such services.

3. Identified, where applicable, in the status of forces agreements, other intergovernmental agreements, or host-country law.

340602. Establishment

A. Overseas MBFs Operated Under Contract. Installation or community commanders requiring banking services will send a request through command channels to the Secretary of the Military Department concerned (or designee) for concurrence and subsequent transmittal to the Director, DFAS, for approval.

1. Requests to establish MBFs shall include, but are not limited to, the following information:

a. The approximate number of DoD personnel at the installation and in the community and any other persons who may be authorized to use the MBF.

b. The distance between the installation and the nearest MBF and credit union office, the names; addresses, and telephone numbers of the operators of those institutions; and the installations and communities where they are located.

c. The availability of official and public transportation between the installation or community and the nearest MBF and credit union office.

d. The name and location of the depository used to make official deposits for credit to the TGA.

e. A list of organizational and nonappropriated fund accounts, the name and location of the financial institutions where deposited, and the average daily activity and balance of each account.

f. A written description and photographs or drawings of the space proposed for MBF use. The extent and approximate cost of required alterations, including the construction of counters and teller cages.

g. A statement that recognizes the logistical support, including equipment, to be provided by the local command as detailed in paragraph 340603. The statement will include the costs of such equipment and the manner in which it will be acquired.

h. In countries where no MBFs currently are operated under contract, a statement from the cognizant Combatant Command that the requirement

has been coordinated with the U.S. Chief of Diplomatic Mission or U.S. Embassy and that the host country will permit the operation in accordance with subparagraph 340306.A.1.

i. Any other pertinent information to justify the establishment of an MBF.

2. As a general rule, MBFs may be established only when the installation or community population meets the following criteria:

a. Full-time MBF. Except in unusual circumstances, a total of at least 1,000 permanent military personnel and DoD civilian employees is necessary to qualify for a full-time MBF.

b. Part-time MBF. Except in unusual circumstances, a total of at least 250 permanent military personnel and DoD civilian employees is necessary to qualify for a part time MBF.

3. If the population at a certain remote area is not sufficient to qualify under the criteria for full-time or part-time MBFs, the installation or community commander will explore all other alternatives for acquiring limited banking services before requesting establishment of an MBF as an exception to these provisions. Alternatives to limited banking services include installation of ATMs and check cashing and accommodation exchange service by disbursing officers and their agents.

4. Establishment of an overseas MBF is predicated on and requires:

a. Designation of the MBF contractor as a depository and financial agent of the U.S. Government by the Department of the Treasury.

b. The availability of banking contractors interested in bidding for the operation of the facility and the viability of such proposals.

c. The availability of appropriated funds to underwrite such banking services.

d. Establishment of a U.S. dollar currency custody account to support banking operations.

B. Other Overseas Banking Offices. Where a need for financial services has been identified and either (1) the banking and currency control laws of certain host countries do not permit MBFs to operate on DoD installations or (2) MBFs, where permitted, have not been established, then the following applies:

1. Installation or community commanders shall send requests for banking services or unsolicited proposals from foreign banking institutions to their Major Commands with supporting data as required in paragraph 340502.A.

2. Major Commands shall forward installation or community commander requests to the Secretary of the Military Department concerned (or designee) for approval. The Secretary of the Military Department concerned (or designee) shall coordinate with the DFAS to seek the designation of the parent foreign banking institution as a depository and financial agent of the U.S. Government by the Department of the Treasury.

3. Banking offices in this category cannot become operational until the foreign parent banking institution has been designated a depository and financial agent of the U.S. Government. The institution also shall indicate a willingness and ability to provide collateral backing for any official and nonappropriated fund U.S. dollar deposits. Any collateral pledged shall be in a form acceptable to the DFAS and the Department of the Treasury.

340603. Logistical Support

A. Overseas MBFs Operated Under Contract

1. Given that appropriated funds support those MBFs that are operated under contract, installation or community commanders shall provide the MBFs logistical support to the maximum possible extent. Such support normally includes:

a. Adequate office space, including steel bars; grillwork; security doors; a vault, safes, or both; security alarm systems and camera surveillance equipment (where deemed necessary) that meet documented requirements of the MBF contractor's insurance carrier; construction of counters, teller cages, and customer and work areas; necessary modifications and alterations to existing buildings; and construction of new MBF premises, if necessary.

(1) The size and arrangement of space should permit efficient operations. Space assigned may not exceed that prescribed in the Unified Facilities Criteria and Unified Facilities Guide Specifications ([MIL-STD-3007](#)).

(2) All maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, alterations, or construction for banking offices shall comply with guidelines established by the installation commander.

b. Office space in a building that is accessible to most users and permits the maximum security. In addition, office space for MBF area and district administrations and storage space for retention of records, files, and storage of supplies.

c. DoD housing on a rental basis to assigned MBF staff that are designated as key and essential MBF managerial personnel who are unable to find suitable, reasonably priced housing in the vicinity of the DoD installation, subject to the assignment procedures and other requirements of [DoD 4165.63-M](#), “DoD Housing Management.”

d. Education, on a space-available, tuition-paying basis, provided by the DoD Education Activity to minor dependents of assigned staff.

e. Air conditioning, which is considered a normal utility for banking offices located at installations that qualify for air conditioning under applicable regulations. Banking space is classified as administrative space at military installations.

f. Utilities (i.e., electricity, natural gas or fuel oil, water and sewage), heating, intra-station telephone service, and custodial and janitorial services to include garbage disposal and outdoor maintenance (such as grass cutting and snow removal).

g. Defense Switched Network (DSN) voice and data communication to include, where feasible, internet access.

h. Military guards, civilian guards (for use within the installation), military police, or other protective services to accompany shipments of money. This level of protective service also shall be provided at other times as required to include replenishment of ATM currency and receipts, alarm system failures, and to avoid undue risks or insurance costs on the part of the MBF.

i. U.S. Military Postal Service access in accordance with [DoD Directive 5101.11](#), “DoD Executive Agent for the Military Postal Service (MPS).” Use of free intra-theater delivery system (IDS) is authorized for all routine mail sent and received between Army Post Offices (APOs) and Fleet Post Offices (FPOs) within a theater.

j. Office equipment and furniture on memorandum receipt if available from local stock. If office equipment or furniture is unavailable, statements of nonavailability shall be issued.

k. Vehicle registration and fuel sales from government-owned facilities for bank-operated vehicles if not in conflict with host government agreements. Vehicle registration shall be subject to normal fees.

l. Issuance by local commanders of invitational travel orders, at no expense to the U.S. Government when required for official onsite visits by U.S. based banking institution officials.

2. Suggestions for changes to the logistical support provisions of the MBF contract may be forwarded for consideration through command channels to the Director, DFAS.

B. Other Overseas Banking Offices

1. Logistical support provided to such offices will be negotiated with the parent foreign banking institution and incorporated into the written operating agreement.

2. Logistical support shall not exceed that provided to contract MBFs, as specified in 340603.A.

340604. Operations

A. General Conditions of MBF Operation

1. Before initiating MBF operations, a written agreement shall be negotiated directly and signed by the installation or community commander and a senior official of the banking contractor or other financial institution concerned. One copy of the agreement with U.S. banking contractors and two copies of the agreement with institutions other than U.S. banking contractors shall be forwarded through command channels to the Secretary of the Military Department concerned (or designee). The Secretary of the Military Department (or designee) shall forward one copy of the agreement with institutions other than U.S. banking contractors through command channels to the Director, DFAS. A copy of the agreement also shall be maintained at all times by the installation or community commander and the banking institution manager.

2. For MBFs operated by U.S. banking contractors, the agreement shall state operating details not set forth in the contract. Though the contract limits the number of operating hours per week, local commanders and MBF managers should set days and hours of operation to best meet local needs. Operating times may include Saturdays and evening hours when necessary to complement other retail services for DoD personnel, provided the contractor can implement that service at no additional cost to the government. When added cost is involved, the commander shall send a request including reasons for expanded or modified times of operation, through command channels, to the Secretary of the Military Department concerned (or designee) for action. If approved, the request, with recommendations, shall be forwarded to the Director, DFAS (or designee).

B. Overseas MBFs Operated Under Contract

1. General. Overseas MBFs shall operate under terms and conditions established at the time of contract negotiations and confirmed in respective contracts or contracting officer determinations.

2. Authorized Customers. DoD banking contracts specify the personnel authorized to receive service. Additionally, overseas major commanders may approve banking services for other individuals that qualify for individual logistic support under the regulations of the DoD Component concerned, provided that the use of banking services is not precluded by status of forces agreements, other intergovernmental agreements, or host-country law.

3. Services Rendered. DoD banking contracts specify the services to be rendered and related charges. Suggestions for expansion or modification of authorized services, fees or charges may be forwarded through DoD Component channels to the Director, DFAS. Proposals for any new service must be coordinated with the appropriate Combatant Command and U.S. Chief of Diplomatic Mission or U.S. Embassy to make certain that the proposal does not conflict with the status of forces agreements, other intergovernmental agreements, or host-country law.

4. Regulation to be Provided. The Director, DFAS (or designee) shall advise each U.S. banking contractor operating an overseas MBF of this Regulation and furnish a copy to the contractor.

5. Conditions of Operation

a. Part-time and payday service MBFs shall provide limited services that mirror, to the extent feasible, those provided by full-time MBFs. Since part-time MBFs operate out of nearby MBFs, installation or community commanders shall provide and fund transportation and guards for their operation.

b. Any deficiency of banking services under DoD banking contracts shall be reported to the manager of the MBF within 7 calendar days of noting the deficiency. If the problem has not been corrected within 30 calendar days after being noted, the commander shall report the problem through DoD Component channels to the Director, DFAS (or designee).

c. The MBF contractor and military disbursing officers shall establish cash management practices that minimize the cash required to conduct business.

d. Commanders shall assist MBF contractors to develop and update contingency plans for banking services in the event of hostilities or other emergencies.

e. MBF provision of foreign currency shall be in accordance with [Chapter 13](#) of this volume.

C. Other Overseas Banking Offices

1. Authorized Customers. The list of authorized customers shall be negotiated between the installation commander and the foreign banking institution and shall be reflected in the operating agreement. The list of authorized customers included in the operating agreement shall be consistent with the applicable status of forces agreement, other intergovernmental agreements, or host-country law.

2. Services Rendered. Services and charges shall parallel, whenever practical, the services and charges of MBFs operated under contract. Specific services shall be negotiated and included in the agreement with the foreign banking institution. A copy of the agreement shall be sent through DoD Component channels to the Director, DFAS (or designee).

3. Operating Agreements. Before agreements are executed, they will be coordinated with and approved by the cognizant Combatant Command (or designee).

4. Conditions of Operation. A foreign banking institution shall provide equipment (except that furnished by the installation or community), supplies, and trained personnel.

D. Relocation of MBF

1. When an MBF is moved from one location to another at the same installation or community, the commander shall notify the cognizant Military Department, through command channels. The Military Department shall forward the information to the Director, DFAS (or designee).

2. For all other relocations, prior approval from the Director, DFAS (or designee) shall be obtained through DoD Component channels.

E. Comments. Installation or community commanders shall send their banking comments through DoD Component channels to the Director, DFAS (or designee) for any of the following:

1. Major changes in installation population that would affect use of the MBF.

2. Opinion that the space assigned is not adequate for the efficient operation of the MBF including a statement concerning corrective action.

3. Suggestions that might improve the MBF operation, increase efficiency, or decrease costs.

4. Pending developments that may have a material impact on the MBF operation.

F. Bank Liaison Officer. The duties of the BLO are outlined in paragraph 340508.

340605. Termination. Requests to eliminate any or all MBFs in a foreign country shall include documentation that the U.S. Chief of Diplomatic Mission has been informed and that arrangements for local termination announcements and procedures have been made with the U.S. Embassy.

A. Overseas MBFs Operated Under Contract. In cases where an installation or community no longer can justify overseas MBF operations, the commander shall notify the Secretary of the Military Department concerned (or designee) through command channels.

1. The report shall state whether a part-time MBF should be established and specify the days each week that the MBF would be needed.

2. The Secretary of the Military Department (or designee) shall send this report with recommendations to the Director, DFAS (or designee).

B. Other Overseas Banking Offices. Termination actions, when required, shall be taken in accordance with the applicable clauses in the operating agreement. Notice of intent to terminate, including the closing date, shall be sent through DoD Component channels to Director, DFAS (or designee), who shall notify the Department of the Treasury so that the foreign banking institution's authority as a Depository and Financial Agent of the U.S. Government at that location may be revoked.

3407 DOMESTIC CREDIT UNIONS

340701. General Policy. Given their role in promoting morale and welfare, on-base credit unions shall be recognized and assisted by DoD Components at all levels. These financial institutions shall provide services to DoD personnel of all ranks and grades within their respective fields of membership.

340702. Establishment. A demonstrated need for credit union services may be addressed by establishing a new full-service credit union or by opening a branch office or facility of an existing credit union under the common bond principle.

A. DoD personnel seeking to establish a new full-service credit union shall submit a proposal to the installation commander for review. In addition to the information identified in subparagraph 340502.A, the proposal shall include a request for the establishment of a field of membership that includes all personnel at the installation. Upon installation commander concurrence, the proposal shall be forwarded through DoD Component channels to the Secretary of the Military Department (or designee).

B. The Secretary of the Military Department concerned (or designee) shall:

1. Obtain a list of credit unions that could establish eligibility to serve the installation's military members and civilian employees from the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) Regional Office that has geographic jurisdiction and the applicable state regulatory agency.

2. Prepare and send formal solicitation letters to eligible credit unions informing them of an opportunity to establish a branch office at the installation.

3. In coordination with the installation commander, establish the criteria for selection of a specific credit union in accordance with subparagraph 340503.D. Proposals shall be evaluated, and a selection made, based upon the factors and weights developed for the solicitation.

C. Upon approval by the Secretary of the Military Department (or designee), the NCUA or applicable state regulatory agency shall be notified and asked to establish or amend the selected credit union's charter to include the new location.

D. No commitment may be made to a credit union regarding its proposal until the appropriate regulatory agency has approved the requested charter change.

340703. Terminations

A. Voluntary Credit Union Terminations

1. When a credit union plans to end operations on a DoD installation, it shall be required to notify the installation commander 180 days before the closing date. Such notification shall be required to precede public announcement of the planned closure. When appropriate, the commander shall attempt to negotiate an agreement permitting the credit union to continue operations until the installation has made other arrangements.

2. The installation commander shall inform the Secretary of the Military Department concerned (or designee) immediately upon receiving notification of a closing. The report shall include a recommendation about continued credit union service on the installation. Paragraph 340702 applies if continued service is needed.

B. Termination for Cause. If, after discussion with credit union officials, an installation commander determines that the operating policies of a credit union are inconsistent with this Regulation, a recommendation for termination of logistical support and space arrangements may be made through the Secretary of the Military Department concerned (or designee). A credit union shall be removed from the

installation only with approval of the Secretary of the Military Department (or designee) after coordination with the USD(C) through the Director, DFAS, and the appropriate regulatory agency.

C. Termination in the Interest of National Defense. At the option of the government, leases may be terminated in the event of national emergency or as a result of installation deactivation, closing, or other disposal action.

D. Termination Resulting from Merger, Acquisition, or Change of Control. When merger, acquisition, change of control or other action results in violation of the terms and conditions of the existing operating agreement, the Secretary of the Military Department (or designee) shall, subsequent to coordination with the USD(C), through the Director, DFAS, terminate the operating agreement with the existing credit union. When the merger, acquisition, change of control or other action does not result in violation of the terms and conditions of the existing operating agreement, the Secretary of the Military Department (or designee) shall initiate a novation action of the operating agreement identifying the change in control.

E. Termination of Lease. The lessee shall provide written notice 180 days prior to a voluntary termination of the lease. Upon lease termination, the government has the option to cause the title of all structures and other improvements to be conveyed to the United States without reimbursement, or require the lessee to remove the improvements and restore the land to its original condition.

340704. Use of Space, Logistical Support, and Military Real Property for Domestic Credit Unions

A. Criteria for Use of Space in Government-owned Real Property or Federal Land:

1. Criteria governing the assignment of space and construction of new space for credit unions are in the Unified Facilities Criteria and Unified Facilities Guide Specifications ([MIL-STD-3007](#)).

2. A credit union may be furnished space on a DoD installation at one or more locations for periods not exceed 5 years except where the credit union uses its own funds to improve existing government space as outlined in subparagraphs 340704.A.2.c. and 340704.A.2.d. The cumulative total of space furnished shall be subject to the limitations of the Unified Facilities Criteria and Unified Facilities Guide Specifications ([MIL-STD-3007](#)).

a. The furnishing of office space and/or land (including ATM placement) to on-base credit unions is governed by the Federal Credit Union Act ([12 U.S.C. 1770](#)). Notwithstanding any other provision of law, upon application by any credit union, the provision of no-cost federal office space or no-cost land lease is for a period not to exceed 5 years. This is limited to credit unions if at least

95 percent of the membership to be served by the allotment of space or the facility built on the lease land is composed of individuals who are, or who were at the time of admission into the credit union, military personnel or federal employees, or members of their families. A written statement to the effect that the credit union meets the 95 percent criterion shall be required to justify and document the allotment of free government space and/or land. This statement shall be prepared on the credit union's letterhead and signed by either the chairman of the board of directors or the president. A certification shall also be required whenever there is a merger, takeover, or significant change in a field of membership. This certification shall serve as justification and documentation for the continued allocation of free government space including space renovated with credit union funds and/or the free lease of land. The statement shall be updated every 5 years and on renewal of each no-cost permit or license. (See [Appendix E](#) of this chapter for a sample format of the statement.)

b. Credit unions that fail to meet the 95 percent criterion shall be charged fair market rental for space provided. Except where more than one credit union exists on an installation prior to June 9, 2000, credit unions giving less than full service or not serving all assigned DoD personnel are not authorized no-cost office space.

c. When a credit union that meets the 95 percent criterion uses its own funds to expand, modify, or renovate government-owned space, it may be provided a no-cost permit or license for a period commensurate with the extent of the improvements not to exceed 25 years as determined by the DoD Component concerned. The permit or license shall be effective until the agreed date of expiration or until the credit union ceases to satisfy the 95 percent criterion. In this latter case, the no-cost permit shall be cancelled in favor of a lease immediately negotiated at fair market value under the provisions of subparagraph 340704.A.2.b. If the credit union desires, this permit or license may extend through the period identified in the original permit or license not to exceed 25 years.

d. Similarly, a credit union not meeting the 95 percent criterion that uses its own funds to expand, modify, or renovate government-owned space, may be provided a lease at fair market value for a period not to exceed 25 years subject to periodic review every 5 years to assess changes in fair market value. Duration of this lease shall be commensurate with the extent of the improvements as determined by the DoD Component concerned.

3. All space assigned by the GSA, whether leased or in a federal office building, is reimbursable to the GSA at the standard level user charge. Consequently, the GSA shall charge the benefiting DoD Component for any space assigned for credit union operations. Such space is subject to the provisions of subparagraphs 340704.A.1 and 2.

B. Logistical Support. When available, custodial and janitorial services to include garbage disposal and outdoor maintenance (such as grass cutting and

snow removal), heating and air conditioning, utilities (i.e., electricity, natural gas or fuel oil, water, and sewage), fixtures, and maintenance shall be furnished without cost to credit unions occupying no-cost office space in government buildings. With the exception of intrastation telephone service, credit unions shall be required to pay for all communication services to include telephone lines, long distance data services and internet connections. Credit unions also shall pay for space alterations. Should a credit union fail to meet the 95 percent membership criterion, any logistical support furnished shall be on a reimbursable basis.

C. Leases executed before the issuance of this Regulation may not be altered solely as a result of the provisions of this Regulation unless a lessee specifically requests a renegotiation under these provisions. No lease may be negotiated or renegotiated, nor may any rights be waived or surrendered without compensation to the government.

D. When a credit union participates in the construction of a shopping mall complex the lease shall cover only land where the branch or facility physically is located.

E. Administrative Fees. All administrative fees associated with the initiation, modification, or renewal of an outgrant shall be borne by the installation, provided that the credit union satisfies the 95 percent membership criterion requirement for no-cost office space as outlined subparagraph 340704.A.2.a, and that the fees are associated with the no-cost space.

340705. Land Leases. Credit unions entering into a land lease to construct a building on a DoD installation shall be provided a no-cost land lease, if they meet the 95 percent criterion established in subparagraph 340704.A.2.a. Credit unions not meeting the 95 percent criterion shall enter into a land lease in accordance with subparagraph 340704.A.2.b and paragraph 340506.

340706. Construction. Credit unions constructing a building on a DoD installation shall do so in accordance with paragraph 340507.

340707. Credit unions offering ATM service shall do so in accordance with paragraph 340405.

340708. Staffing

A. On-base credit unions shall provide full service. To do so, credit union offices shall be staffed by

1. An official authorized to act on loan applications;
2. An individual authorized to sign checks; and

3. A qualified financial counselor available to serve members during operating hours.

B. Exceptions to subparagraph 340708.A.1, may be approved by the installation commander with advice from the Secretary of the Military Department concerned (or designee) in the case of newly organized credit unions.

C. When an on-base credit union can support only minimum staffing, one of the positions required in subparagraphs 340708.A.1 or 2, also may be subsumed under the counselor duties.

D. Credit union remote service locations at the same installation may be staffed with one person alone, provided that a direct courier or an electronic or automated message service links each remote location to the credit union's main office.

340709. Credit Union Liaison Officer (CULO). When a credit union office is located on an installation, the commander shall appoint a CULO. As appropriate, the CULO responsibility should be assigned to comptroller or resource management personnel. The CULO's name and duty telephone number shall be displayed prominently at each credit union office on the installation. Anyone who serves as a credit union board member or in any other official credit union capacity may not serve as a CULO. The duties of a CULO are the same as the duties listed for a BLO (see paragraph 340508).

340710. In-Store Banking. In-store banking services may be provided in accordance with paragraph 340509, except that:

A. Credit unions interested in submitting proposals to provide requested in-store banking services shall provide a statement from the NCUA or applicable state regulatory agency certifying the credit union's authority to offer the requested financial services to the commissary, Military Exchange, or other on-base facilities.

B. Space granted to a credit union selected to provide in-store banking services should be issued through a no-cost license in accordance with section 170 of the Federal Credit Union Act ([12 U.S.C. 1770](#) et seq.).

3408 OVERSEAS CREDIT UNIONS

340801. General Policy

A. Credit union services to authorized persons and organizations may be provided by domestic on-base credit unions operating under a geographic franchise.

B. The extension of credit union service overseas is encouraged consistent with the principles prescribed for domestic credit unions and with applicable status of forces agreements or other intergovernmental agreements, or host-country law.

C. Where permitted by the status of forces agreements or other intergovernmental agreements, or host-country law, only federal credit unions or federally insured state chartered credit unions may operate on overseas DoD installations. The ultimate decision to provide services overseas rests with the credit union itself.

340802. Establishment

A. Commanders shall notify the Secretary of the Military Department concerned (or designee), through command channels, when overseas credit union services are needed. Such requests shall include:

1. Full information about available space and logistical support.

2. The name and location of the nearest credit union facility or branch.

3. The distance between the installation and the nearest credit union facility or branch.

4. The availability of any official or public transportation.

5. The number of DoD personnel in duty assignments that confine them to the installation or who cannot obtain transportation (such as hospital patients).

6. In countries not presently served, a statement concurred in by the cognizant Combatant Command that the requirement has been coordinated with the U.S. Chief of Diplomatic Mission or U.S. Embassy. The statement shall include that the host country will permit credit union operations and will indicate any conditions imposed by the host country with respect to those operations.

B. Subsequent to approval of the request from the installation or community commander to establish an overseas credit union facility, the Secretary of the Military Department concerned (or designee) shall solicit proposals for the provision of full credit union services under the following provisions.

1. Where there is a DoD designated geographic franchise with a specific field of membership, the Secretary of the Military Department (or designee) shall direct the installation or community commander to contact the supporting credit union and request that a branch or facility be established. The basic decision concerning such extensions of service rests with the servicing credit union. The Director, DFAS (or

designee) shall maintain a listing of all geographic franchises assigned to credit unions serving DoD overseas installations.

2. Where there is no DoD designated geographic franchise, the Secretary of the Military Department (or designee) shall:

a. Coordinate requests, through the Director, DFAS (or designee), to obtain a geographic franchise. A geographic franchise is the authorization granted to a credit union by the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) (OUSD(C)) to provide financial services in a specific geographic region located outside the United States, its territories and possessions.

b. Solicit proposals from credit unions currently operating on DoD installations.

c. Review proposals of interested credit unions.

d. Coordinate with field commands, as needed.

e. Recommend selection to the NCUA or applicable state regulatory agency with a copy to the DFAS and the OUSD(C), requesting that the appropriate field of membership adjustment be made. Such a recommendation shall identify the primary installations on which the credit union would operate and, if applicable, the contiguous geographic boundaries for future facilities and branches.

C. Where there is an existing field of membership, the Secretary of the Military Department concerned (or designee) shall take the following actions:

1. If a credit union on an installation terminates operation, afford any other credit union having a geographic franchise within that country an opportunity to assume the franchise being vacated. If all such institutions decline, the geographic franchise shall be offered to the federally insured credit union community. If, as a result of a credit union decision to decline service to an installation or a termination action, another credit union (a) offers to provide service, (b) meets host country requirements (if any) and (c) is assigned the former geographic franchise or portion thereof, the NCUA or the applicable state regulatory agency shall be notified and requested to make appropriate field of membership adjustments.

2. When other credit union(s) having a geographic franchise within a country decline the opportunity, or there is no other credit union having a franchise within that country, the provisions of subparagraph 340802.B.2, apply.

D. No commitment may be made to a credit union regarding its proposal until the appropriate regulatory agency has announced a selection.

340803. Logistical Support. Installation or community commanders shall provide logistical credit union support. Such support normally shall include:

A. Adequate office space, including steel bars; grillwork; security doors; a vault, safes or both; security alarm systems and camera surveillance equipment (where deemed necessary) that meet documented requirements of the credit union's insurance carrier; construction of counters, teller cages, and customer and work areas; necessary modifications and alterations to existing buildings. The size and arrangement of space should permit efficient operations. The credit union shall pay for all improvements to the space given. Space assigned may not exceed that prescribed in the Unified Facilities Criteria and Unified Facilities Guide Specifications ([MIL-STD-3007](#)).

B. DoD housing on a rental basis to key credit union personnel unable to find suitable, reasonably priced housing in the vicinity of the DoD installation, if available.

C. Education, on a space-available, tuition-paying basis, provided by the DoD Education Activity to minor dependents of assigned staff.

D. Utilities (i.e., electricity, natural gas or fuel oil, water and sewage), heating, intra-station telephone service, and custodial and janitorial services.

E. DSN voice and data communication to include, where feasible, internet access.

F. U.S. Military Postal Service support under [DoD Directive 5101.11](#). The use of free IDS is authorized for all routine mail sent and received between APOs and FPOs within a theater.

G. Military guards, civilian guards (for use within the installation), military police, or other protective services to accompany shipments of money from the MBF to the credit union and return where it is impractical or not authorized to have a local armored car service or civilian police authorities entering a military installation to provide cash escort service or when the cost of obtaining such service is prohibitive. This level of protective service also shall be provided at other times as required to include replenishment of ATM currency and receipts, alarm system failures, and to avoid undue risks or insurance costs.

340804. Travel. Travel by credit union officials must be at no expense to the U.S. Government. Overseas commanders may issue invitational travel orders for official on-base visits by credit union officials at no cost to the U.S. Government.

340805. Operations

A. An overseas credit union shall confine its field of membership to individuals or organizations eligible by law or regulation to receive services and benefits

from the installation. Services shall not be provided to those personnel precluded such services by the applicable status of forces agreement, other intergovernmental agreements, or host-country law.

B. The Department assigns overseas credit unions a prescribed geographic franchise. Any credit union, however, may continue to serve its members stationed overseas by mail or telecommunications, to include access to the internet.

C. A credit union proposing a new service to be offered by a branch office that is not authorized by the operating agreement shall coordinate the establishment of the new service through the cognizant Component command to the Combatant Command. The new service shall be offered only after the appropriate command's approval and coordination with the U.S. Chief of Diplomatic Mission or U.S. Embassy to ensure that the service does not conflict with the applicable status of forces agreement, other intergovernmental agreements, or host-country law.

D. Credit unions that operate full service branches shall have U.S. currency and coin available for member transactions. In areas served by currency custody accounts, transactional U. S. currency and coins shall be made available from the servicing MBF with no direct or analysis charge to the credit union, provided settlement is made via the local MBF account or equivalent arrangements are made with the MBF.

E. In countries served by MBFs operated under contract, credit unions shall purchase foreign currency only from the servicing MBF.

1. The bulk rate purchase price shall apply to currency used by the credit union to make payments to vendors or to make payroll payments.

2. Credit unions that desire and are authorized to provide accommodation exchange services to members shall acquire foreign currency from the servicing MBF at the MBF wholesale rate and sell it at a rate of exchange no more favorable than the customer rate available at the MBF.

F. Credit unions operating under a geographic franchise on an overseas DoD installation shall not publicize, display or sell vehicles on the installation.

G. The NCUA or applicable state regulatory agency may review operations of overseas credit union offices either when it examines the main credit union or at other times of its choosing. For federally insured, state chartered credit unions, the applicable state regulatory agency also may examine credit unions operations.