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SPECIAL PAY – ASSIGNMENT INCENTIVE PAY

1501 GENERAL ENTITLEMENT

150101. General Entitlement. A member of a uniformed service entitled to basic pay may be paid Assignment Incentive Pay (AIP) for performing service in an assignment designated by the Secretary concerned for such purpose as approved by the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

150102. Eligibility. To be eligible the member must be serving on active duty. The Secretary concerned may require the member to enter into a written agreement in order to qualify for AIP. The written agreement shall specify the period for which the incentive pay will be paid to the member and the monthly rate of the pay. The Secretary of a military department may only enter into agreements under terms and conditions for which the Secretary of Defense has provided concurrence.

150103. Payment. The maximum monthly rate of incentive pay payable to any member under this chapter is $3,000. Incentive pay paid under this section is in addition to any other pays and allowances to which the member is entitled, except as may be noted under each program. This payment may be made in lump sum, installments or monthly increments as authorized for each program. The monthly pay shall be prorated for partial months served, except as may be noted under each program.

150104. Restrictions. The following restrictions apply to entitlement to AIP.


B. A member is not entitled to AIP during a period of terminal leave ending upon discharge or release of the member from active duty.

150105. Special Provisions. The service of a member in a designated assignment shall be considered continuous during any period of temporary absence during which the member is performing temporary duty pursuant to orders or on authorized leave other than terminal leave.

1502 NAVY ASSIGNMENT INCENTIVE PAY PROGRAMS

150201. Pilot Program

A. The Navy was authorized a Pilot Program for AIP on May 29, 2003. The entitlement conditions are:

1. Entitlement begins upon reporting to the assigned duty and terminates when permanently detached from the assigned duty.
2. Payment rates are determined by negotiation between the member and the Navy and may be different for members in the same location. Payment will be prorated for partial months served in a designated assignment.

3. Payment for AIP may not be made to Navy members receiving a Selective Reenlistment Bonus for Location for the same assignment.

B. The Navy announced the Naval Special Warfare Development Group (NSWDG) AIP program on February 9, 2007. The entitlement conditions are:

1. Enlisted personnel must successfully complete the required NSWDG training.

2. Enlisted personnel must be assigned to NSWDG designated billets.

3. Enlisted personnel will sign an agreement or accept orders to voluntarily remain at an NSWDG billet for an additional 12 months from the date of the agreement or date of the first AIP payment, whichever is later.

4. Payment
   a. Personnel who have been assigned to a designated NSWDG billet for less than 3 years since completion of the required training will receive AIP at $750 per month.
   b. Personnel who have been assigned to a designated NSWDG billet for 3 years or more since completion of the required training will receive AIP at $1,000 per month.

5. Payment of the AIP will terminate when the member permanently detaches from the assigned duty at NSWDG. AIP will not be paid for periods of separation or terminal leave, nor will it be paid to members in a disciplinary or not fit for operational duty status.

* 150202. Sea Duty Incentive Pay (SDIP) Program. The Navy was authorized to implement Sea Duty Incentive Pay (SDIP) on December 6, 2006. The Navy implemented the program effective March 15, 2007. This program terminated on December 31, 2008 and was reestablished on April 14, 2009. Any agreements entered into after December 31, 2008 and before April 14, 2009 are considered unauthorized. Agreements may be entered into from April 14, 2009 through December 31, 2011, unless the program is otherwise extended, modified or cancelled by the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) (PDUSD(P&R)).
A. Programs

1. Sea Duty Incentive Pay – Extension (SDIP-E). SDIP-E is authorized for sailors who sign a written agreement to voluntarily extend their sea duty assignments on ships, submarines, or aviation squadrons by a minimum of 6 months and a maximum of 24 months (36 months for an assignment outside the continental United States, including Hawaii).

2. Sea Duty Incentive Pay – Curtailment (SDIP-C). SDIP-C is authorized for sailors who voluntarily curtail their shore duty assignments a minimum of 6 months prior to their original planned rotation date and return to sea duty assignments on a ship, submarine, or at an aviation squadron for a minimum of 12 months.

B. Eligibility. To be eligible for SDIP, the service member must:

1. Be serving in or selected for advancement (including members who are frocked) in one of the eligible ratings, skills, and pay grades. Subparagraph 150202.D is linked to the Navy website with this information.

2. Be serving in a permanent duty assignment on a ship, submarine, or aviation squadron designated as sea duty for purpose of rotation and home ported in the continental United States (CONUS), Hawaii, or overseas for SDIP-E. Members considered to be assigned as excess of authorized billets are ineligible for SDIP-E.

3. Be serving in a permanent shore duty assignment at an activity located in CONUS, Hawaii, Alaska, or overseas that is designated as shore duty for purposes of rotation for SDIP-C. Members currently receiving AIP for their shore duty assignment are not eligible for SDIP-C, or

4. Incur sufficient obligated service to fulfill the service time required by the SDIP-E or SDIP-C agreement. Additional obligated service will be incurred prior to payment of SDIP-E and prior to detachment from the shore duty unit/command for SDIP-C.

5. Effective June 25, 2007, members in receipt of non-SDIP orders may apply for SDIP.

C. Restrictions

1. Reserve Component sailors are not eligible for SDIP.

2. SDIP-E and C are not payable for periods of terminal or separation leave.

3. Payment of SDIP-E or C combined with any other AIP allowance will not exceed $3,000 per month or $36,000 per year.
D. **Payment.** Monthly entitlement rates for this program vary by pay grade and skill/rating. The rates are determined by the Department of the Navy and change frequently. Current entitlement rates can be found by clicking for the SDIP Eligibility Chart located [here](#).

E. **Recoupment and Repayment.** Recoupment of unearned portions of the SDIP lump sum payment will be as follows:

1. Sailors who fail to complete the full period of additional sea duty service as required by their SDIP agreement will be required to repay the percentage of the SDIP lump sum payment representing the unexecuted portion of their required service. Situations requiring recoupment include, but are not limited to:
   
   a. Approved request for voluntary release from the written agreement if, due to unusual circumstances, it is determined that such release would clearly be in the best interests of both the Navy and the sailor.
   
   b. Approved voluntary request for relief from an SDIP assignment.
   
   c. Disability resulting from misconduct, willful neglect, or incurrence during a period of unauthorized absence.
   
   d. Removal from the SDIP assignment for cause, including misconduct.
   
   e. Separation for cause, including misconduct.
   
   f. Separation for reason of weight control and/or physical readiness test failure.

2. If a sailor becomes ineligible for SDIP for any of the following reasons, recoupment of payments already received will not be required:

   a. Disability, injury, or illness not the result of misconduct or willful neglect, or not incurred during a period of unauthorized absence.
   
   b. Separation from the naval service by operation of laws or regulations independent of misconduct.
   
   c. Death (see subparagraph 150202.E.3).
   
   d. Where the Secretary of the Navy determines repayment would be against equity and good conscience, or contrary to the best interests of the United States.
3. In the event a sailor dies before the SDIP is received or before the sailor completes the sea duty assignment/extension for which SDIP is payable (and death is not caused by the sailor’s misconduct), the unpaid/unearned balance of the SDIP shall be payable in the settlement of the deceased sailor’s final military pay account. The unpaid SDIP shall be payable in lump sum. If death is determined to be voluntary or the result of the sailor’s own misconduct, termination of any future payment and proration or recoupment of the SDIP, as applicable, will be made in accordance with procedures established for sailors whose inability to complete a contracted period of service is voluntary or the result of misconduct.

150203. Bahrain Officer Continuity Billet Program

A. On January 5, 2006, the Office of Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel & Readiness) (OUSD (P&R)) authorized AIP for Bahrain area of responsibility officer extensions. The program was approved subject to the Navy announcing the program with an effective date. Commissioned and warrant officer who were currently serving in a designated continuity billet may have been eligible to receive $500 per month tour extension AIP commencing upon acceptance of the agreement by PERS-4. Officers eligible to serve in a 12-month tour continuity tour billet who extend their tour for a minimum of 18 months were authorized to receive $500 AIP per month commencing the month they started serving in the billet.

B. On June 5, 2008, the OUSD (P&R) issued a memorandum superseding the January 5, 2006 authorization and authorized a rate increase for certain officers who agree to unaccompanied tour extensions in Bahrain. The approval was subject to the Navy’s establishment of an effective date after the Navy announced the program. Commissioned and warrant officers who were currently serving in designated continuity billets may be eligible to receive up to $2000 per month tour extension AIP commencing upon acceptance of the agreement by PERS-4. Officers eligible to serve in a 12-month tour continuity tour billet who extend their tour for a minimum of 18 or 24 months were authorized to receive up to $1800 or $2000 AIP per month, respectively, commencing the month they started serving in the billet. This program was approved for continuation through December 31, 2009; however, based upon an OUSD (P&R) memorandum signed on June 25, 2009, authorizing the full return of dependents to the Area of Responsibility (AOR), the Navy elected to cancel the program on September 21, 2009. Any agreement signed after this date will not be considered authorized.

150204. Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC) Program. The OUSD (P&R) on June 29, 2009 authorized the Navy to pay AIP to senior enlisted members (E7 to E9) who hold a Special Operations Forces (SOF) specialty and are serving in a designated U.S. Special Operations Command (SOCOM) senior enlisted billet in JSOC.

A. Eligibility. Senior enlisted sailors who sign a written agreement to serve 12 to 36 months in a designated assigned billet are authorized AIP.
B. Payment

1. Senior enlisted sailors who previously served less than 3 years in Naval Special Warfare Development Group (NSWDG) service are authorized $750 per month.

2. Senior enlisted sailors who previously served greater than 3 years in NSWDG service are authorized $1,000 per month.

C. Restriction

1. Sailors in receipt of AIP under this program may not be in receipt of AIP under a Special Mission Unit or other SOCOM MFP-11 SOF AIP program.

2. No new AIP agreements will be entered into after December 31, 2010.

1503 ARMY ASSIGNMENT INCENTIVE PAY PROGRAMS

150301. Korea Assignment Program

A. PDUSD (P&R) Memorandum, dated January 19, 2005. On May 18, 2004, the Army was authorized the 90-day Korea assignment program. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, the 90-day program expired September 30, 2005. On January 19, 2005, the Army was authorized extension of and modification to its Korea assignment program hereafter referred to as the “long-term program.” Authority for this long-term program expired on December 31, 2008. The long-term program was reestablished on January 5, 2009, with an expiration date of January 31, 2011 (subject to congressional extension of 37 U.S.C. 307a). This program was superseded by the OUSD (P&R) memorandum dated April 6, 2009 in subparagraph 150301.B, however, members will continue to receive their AIP payments until the end date specified in their agreement or their departure from Korea.

1. Long-Term Program

   a. Soldiers in Korea who sign an agreement to serve a 24-month unaccompanied or a 36-month accompanied tour and enter such agreement at anytime from in-processing up to the date 120 days before their expected return from Korea or receipt of assignment instructions, whichever comes first, will receive $300 per month from the date of signature through their new tour end date.

   b. Soldiers in Korea who sign an agreement to serve a 36-month unaccompanied or a 48-month accompanied tour and enter such agreement at anytime from in-processing up to the date 120 days before their expected return from Korea or receipt of assignment instructions, whichever comes first, will receive $400 per month from the date of signature through their new tour end date.
2. **Entitlement Under the 90-Day Program.** This program is for soldiers who volunteer to extend their scheduled tour of duty in Korea by 3 months. They will be paid an amount not to exceed $300 per month from the date the AIP agreement is accepted through their new tour end date. The monthly pay shall be that specified in the agreement.

3. **Termination of AIP.** AIP will be stopped upon termination of the contract or curtailment of the agreed tour of duty for any reason, either voluntary or involuntary. The entitlement to AIP will be terminated if the member is determined to be absent without leave (AWOL) or enters confinement.

4. **Restriction.** Soldiers who elect AIP for Korea will not be eligible for a Targeted Selective Reenlistment Bonus contract, the Overseas Tour Extension Incentive Program (OTEIP), or the Consecutive Overseas Tour/In Place Consecutive Overseas Tour (IPCOT) programs.

B. **OUSD (P&R) Memorandum dated April 6, 2009.** This memorandum superseded the January 19, 2005 memorandum in subparagraph 150301.A. and established three categories of assignments applicable for AIP payments. All categories require a written agreement by the member. The categories are:

1. Members who volunteer for a 36-month initial assignment to Pyeongtaek, Osan, Daegu, Chinhae, or Seoul may be paid $300 per month in AIP, to be paid on a monthly basis, upon commencement of the assignment.

2. Members who volunteer for a 24-month initial assignment to Uijongbu or Dongducheon may be paid $300 per month in AIP, to be paid on a monthly basis, upon commencement of the assignment.

3. Members who accept an initial tour to Korea in any location and later elect to extend their assignment length for 12 or 24 months may be paid $300 per month, to be paid on a monthly basis, upon commencement of the tour with an extension agreement, or entering the extension, whichever is earlier.

C. **Restrictions**

1. No member may be paid an AIP payment under subparagraph 150301.B if they are being paid AIP for the same assignment or extension of assignment under another AIP program.

2. No agreements shall be entered into after September 30, 2014, with the programs remaining subject to congressional reauthorization of 37 U.S.C. 307a.

150302. **Voluntary Extension in Iraq, Afghanistan, or Certain Theater Units Program.** On May 29, 2007, the Secretary of the Army was authorized to designate certain military assignments in which a soldier agrees to serve beyond 12-months Boots on Ground (BoG) in Iraq (including Kuwait staging areas), Afghanistan or certain theater units. Certain
theater units are defined as units that routinely conduct operations in or support units in Iraq but are not based in Iraq. The Army implemented this new program effective June 15, 2007, whereby soldiers who sign an agreement to serve up to 12 additional months will be offered AIP.

A. **Active Component Soldiers.** Soldiers assigned to positions or units in echelons above Brigade who are not subject to unit rotations, to include transition teams, will be offered AIP should the soldier agree to volunteer to continue to serve beyond their 12-month BoG or 12 months out of the previous 15-months BoG in Iraq, (including Kuwait staging time), Afghanistan or certain theater units.

B. **Reserve Component Soldiers.** Soldiers who volunteer to serve an extended tour up to 12 additional months or to be reassigned to another unit upon completion of a 12-month BoG in Iraq, Afghanistan, or certain theater units for up to 12 additional consecutive months will be offered AIP. National Guard soldiers may extend only with the consent of their respective Governor. This program supersedes the program announced by HQ DA MSG 070059Z August 2004.

C. **Amounts Payable**

1. Soldiers who agree to extend up to 3 months will be offered $300 per month AIP.

2. Soldiers who agree to extend greater than 3 months will be offered $500 per month AIP.

D. **Termination and Reinstatement of Authority.** The ability to enter into an AIP contract terminated on October 1, 2009. The Army was authorized by the OUSD (P&R) to reestablish this AIP program on November 2, 2009. AIP contracts, unless extended, modified, or cancelled by the OUSD(P&R), would be authorized through September 30, 2011, subject to congressional reauthorization of **37 U.S.C. 307a**. Contracts entered into from October 1, 2009 through November 1, 2009 will not be considered authorized.

150303. **Involuntary Extensions in Iraq, Afghanistan or Certain Theater Units Program.** The Army issued clarifying guidelines for payment of AIP for involuntary extensions referenced in section 1506.

A. Active and Reserve Component soldiers deployed to Iraq (to include staging time in Kuwait), Afghanistan, or certain theater units, who have been involuntarily extended by the Secretary of Defense beyond 12 consecutive months BoG or 12-months within a 15-month period (365 days of 450 days), are entitled to $800 in AIP and $200 for hardship duty pay (HDP) for each month or portion of a month served longer than 12-months BoG. The total monthly entitlement of HDP will not exceed $300. The PDUSD (P&R) changed the monthly $800 AIP and $200 HDP entitlements to a monthly $1,000 AIP entitlement for involuntary extensions effective December 1, 2008.
B. Certain theater units are defined as those units that routinely conduct operations or support units that conduct operations in Iraq or Afghanistan but are not based in Iraq or Afghanistan. The Combatant Commander specifies eligible units for these purposes.

C. Payment of AIP for individual soldiers and to the Company level is effective June 15, 2007.

150304. Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Program. On March 7, 2007, the Army was authorized to implement an AIP program for Army EOD personnel. On March 30, 2007, the Army issued implementation instructions for Army EOD personnel, which is the effective date of the program. Thus, payment of AIP is authorized on and after March 30, 2007.

A. Program Guidelines

1. Soldiers must sign an agreement.

2. Soldiers in the Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) of 89D who graduate from the Naval School Explosive Ordnance Disposal (NAVSCHOLEOD) and are assigned to EOD billets performing EOD duties may apply for the AIP.

3. Soldiers in MOS of 00Z or accession MOS 89D who graduate from NAVSCHOLEOD and are assigned to EOD billets performing EOD duties may apply for the AIP.

4. Army National Guard and Army Reserve 89D soldiers who meet the eligibility criteria in subparagraphs 150304.A.1 and 2. will receive prorated AIP based on their drilling status.

5. Soldiers must have a minimum of 12 months remaining in service.

B. Payment. The monthly payment of AIP is determined by pay grade and time accredited to working the EOD field upon graduation from the NAVSCHOLEOD. Lump sum payments are not authorized. Table 15-1 shows the monthly rates.

C. Termination. AIP will be stopped based on the following criteria:

1. Soldier initiated termination of AIP contract.

2. Soldier revokes the “EOD Volunteer Statement”.

3. Reassignment to another MOS.

4. AWOL or confinement status.

5. Termination of EOD duties.
6. Upon promotion or reduction, or
7. Completion of the member’s enlistment contract.

D. Recoupment. Reasons for recoupment of AIP include:

1. Soldier terminates the AIP contract.
2. Soldier revokes the “EOD Volunteer Statement.”
3. AWOL or confinement status, or
4. Command termination of EOD duties may result from loss/suspension of security clearance, guilty of gross negligence or flagrant violation of EOD safety procedures.

E. Termination and Reinstatement of Authority. The ability to enter into an AIP contract terminated on October 1, 2009. The Army was authorized by the OUSD (P&R) to reestablish this AIP program on November 2, 2009. AIP contracts, unless extended, modified, or cancelled by the OUSD(P&R), would be authorized through September 30, 2011, subject to congressional reauthorization of 37 U.S.C. 307a. Contracts entered into from October 1, 2009 through November 1, 2009 will not be considered authorized.

150305. Voluntary Extension Program for Army Intelligence Assets Program. On February 9, 2005, the Army authorized AIP for Army members designated as intelligence assets who voluntarily extend their current assignment in Iraq and/or Afghanistan. Army members identified as intelligence assets by the Combatant Commander who are assigned to duty in Iraq and/or Afghanistan may be entitled to AIP for voluntary continuation of service in country.

A. Eligibility. To qualify, the member must meet all of the following criteria:

1. Complete 12 months of deployed duty within a 15-month period (365 days out of 450 days) in Iraq and/or Afghanistan. Deployed time includes staging time in Kuwait,
2. Voluntarily extend their current assignment for 3 months,
3. Hold an MOS on the list approved by the Army Deputy Chief of Staff, G-2 for this particular AIP program,
4. Fill a position in support of operations in Iraq or Afghanistan, to include those in the J-2, C-2, Multi-National Force-Iraq or Joint Intelligence Centers in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility, and
5. Complete the necessary AIP contract form and have it approved by the Commander, Combined Forces Land Component Command.
B. **Payment.** Members will be entitled beginning on the date of the extension through the end date of the extension at the monthly rate of $300.

150306. **Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) 09L Interpreter Translator Program.** Effective September 27, 2007, the Army authorized AIP for Army Reserve and National Guard members who were qualified in MOS 09L and who voluntarily extended their tours of service beyond 12 months BoG.

A. **Eligibility.** Members who entered into an agreement and agreed to extend their tours of service beyond 12-months BoG shall receive AIP up to $3000 per month.

B. **Termination and Reinstatement of Authority.** The ability to enter into an AIP contract terminated on October 1, 2009. The Army was authorized by the OUSD (P&R) to reestablish this AIP program on November 2, 2009. AIP contracts, unless extended, modified, or cancelled by the OUSD (P&R), would be authorized through September 30, 2011, subject to congressional reauthorization of **37 U.S.C. 307a**. Contracts entered into from October 1, 2009 through November 1, 2009 will not be considered authorized.

150307. **Deployment Extension Stabilization Pay (DESP) Incentive Program.** On May 19, 2009 the OUSD (P&R) authorized the Army to pay AIP to Army National Guard members in Enlisted grades E3 to E8, Warrant Officer grades W01 to CW3, and Commissioned Officer grades O-2 to O-4, who are assigned or reassigned to units mobilizing on or after September 1, 2009, and who voluntarily extend their service commitment/obligation.

A. **Eligibility.** Generally, members must sign an agreement to extend their service within 365 days to the day prior to the unit’s mobilization date. Members who do not extend their service obligation within this time frame are not eligible for mobilization. The agreement must be for an additional 12 to 21 months of service, which must include 365 days of voluntary mobilization/deployment, plus 90 days for post-mobilization reintegration, whichever is greater.

B. **Payment.** Members will be paid monthly, not to exceed 12 months, at a rate up to $500 for each month after the mobilization date. Members may not receive any other type of AIP program payment.

C. **Termination of Authority.** Subject to congressional reauthorization of **37 U.S.C. 307a**, this program will remain in effect until September 30, 2011.

150308. **Asymmetric Warfare Group (AWG) Incentive Program.** The PDUSD (P&R) on November 16, 2006 authorized the Army to pay AIP to members who volunteer to continue to serve in an AWG billet. The Army had to announce the program with an effective date. The program terminated on September 30, 2009, but was extended on November 2, 2009 by the OUSD (P&R) with a new termination date of September 30, 2011, subject to congressional reauthorization of **37 U.S.C. 307a**. Any agreement signed after September 30, 2009 and before November 2, 2009 would not be considered authorized.
A. **Eligibility.** The Secretary of the Army shall designate all AWG members for AIP. Members must sign a written agreement to serve or accept an assignment for 12 to 36 months in an AWG billet. Payment would be $400 per month.

B. **Restrictions.** Payment of AIP would terminate if a member was permanently reassigned from an AWG billet; went AWOL; or went into a confinement status prior to the completion of the AWG assignment.

*150309. 704th Military Intelligence (MI) Brigade Incentive Program. The PDUSD (P&R) on October 23, 2006 authorized the Army to pay AIP to members who volunteer to serve or accept an assignment in a valid operator billet within the 704th MI Brigade. The program terminated on September 30, 2009, but was reestablished on March 26, 2010. Any agreement entered into after September 30, 2009, but before March 26, 2010, will be considered unauthorized. Agreements under this program may only be entered into through September 30, 2011, unless the program is extended by the PDUSD(P&R).

A. **Eligibility.** Enlisted personnel, warrant and commissioned officers who volunteer to serve in an assignment or accept an assignment and sign a written agreement to serve for 36 months are eligible to receive $300 per month in AIP.

B. **Restrictions.** Payment of AIP would terminate if a member was permanently reassigned to another unit, to a position other than an operator billet, went AWOL, or went into a confinement status prior to the completion of the assignment.

150310. Special Mission Units (SMU) Incentive Program. The OUSD (P&R) on January 9, 2006 authorized the Army to pay AIP to members who serve in a special mission unit subject to the Army announcing the program with an effective date. The program was extended on March 3, 2008 by the PDUSD (P&R) with a termination date of December 31, 2009. Any agreement signed after this date will not be considered authorized.

A. **Eligibility**

1. Enlisted personnel and warrant officers who have served in a SMU operator billet for less than 3 years will be paid $750 per month in exchange for their agreement to continue to serve in an assignment or accept an assignment to a SMU operator billet for 12 to 36 months.

2. Enlisted personnel and warrant officers who have served in a SMU operator billet for more than 3 years will be paid $1,000 per month in exchange for their agreement to continue to serve in an assignment or accept an assignment to a SMU operator billet for 12 to 36 months.

3. Only SMU enlisted members and warrant officers serving in operator billets are considered eligible.
4. Eligible members must sign a written agreement to serve 1 to 3 years in a SMU assignment.

B. Restrictions

1. Member paid AIP for assignment in an Army SMU billet may not be in receipt of AIP for service in a SOCOM MFP-11 Special Operations Forces billet for the same period.

2. Payment of AIP would terminate if a member was permanently reassigned to another billet or unit other than an SMU, went AWOL, or went into a confinement status prior to the completion of the assignment.

150311. Deployment Extension Incentive Pay (DEIP) Program. The PDUSD (P&R) on June 26, 2007 authorized the Secretary of the Army to designate all assignments in which a soldier agrees to complete a deployment under Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, or in connection with another Global War on Terrorism mission, subject to the Army announcing the program with an effective date. The program was extended to September 30, 2010 by the OUSD (P&R) on June 16, 2009. The Army established the DEIP program on March 30, 2009 with ALARACT 092/2009. This announcement was superseded by ALARACT 160/2009 dated May 28, 2009.

A. Eligibility

1. Active Component enlisted soldiers who had not intended to reenlist or extend their active duty commitment in order to complete a deployment with the unit they were currently assigned are eligible for the AIP.

2. Soldiers must voluntarily extend their current service commitment through their units projected redeployment date plus 60 days.

3. Soldiers must deploy with the unit, or is unable to deploy, or returns from deployment due to no fault of the member.

B. Payment. Payment for the AIP will start when the soldier begins serving on and continues through the end of the extension. The following conditions determine the rate of AIP to pay:

1. Soldiers who execute their extension between 9 and 6 months prior to the unit’s latest arrival date will be authorized AIP at $500 per month for each full month they extend their service commitment.

2. Soldiers who execute their extension after 180 days prior to the unit’s latest arrival date and 90 days before the member’s expiration of term of service date will be authorized AIP at $350 per month for each full month they extend their service commitment.
C. **Termination of Authority.** Agreements to this program may only be entered into through September 30, 2010, unless this program is extended, modified or cancelled by the PDUSD(P&R).

150312. **160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) (SOAR) Program.** The Under Secretary of Defense (USD)(P&R) on March 4, 2010, authorized the Army to pay AIP to Aviation Warrant Officers (AWO) who volunteer for an assignment or extension with the 160th SOAR. Agreements may be entered into through September 30, 2013, subject to congressional reauthorization of 37 U.S.C. 307a and an action by PDUSD(P&R) to extend or modify the program.

A. **Eligibility.** Two options are available:

1. **Initial Assignment:** AWOs who volunteer for duty with the 160th SOAR, successfully complete “Green Platoon” training, and have a Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) of 152C, 153E, or 154E are eligible. AWOs will execute a written agreement to serve with the regiment for a minimum 48-month assignment and will be paid a one time lump sum payment of $10,000.

2. **Assignment Continuation:** AWOs with 21 years of Active Federal Service or greater who are assigned to the 160th SOAR and have an MOS of 152C, 153E, or 154E are eligible. AWOs will execute a written agreement to serve an additional 24-month assignment with the regiment and will be paid $1,000 per month.

B. **Restriction.** Personnel paid the 160th SOAR AIP may not be in receipt of AIP under any other voluntary service obligation extension program.

1504 **AIR FORCE ASSIGNMENT INCENTIVE PAY PROGRAMS**

150401. **Korea Assignment Incentive Program.** On April 27, 2004, the Air Force was authorized AIP Korea assignment program. The PDUSD (P&R) provided permanent approval of this program on June 30, 2008. The OUSD (P&R) on April 6, 2009 modified the eligibility requirements based on tour length changes for Korea. All changes are subject to congressional reauthorization of 37 U.S.C. 307a or the Secretary of Defense implementation of 37 U.S.C. 352.

A. **OUSD (P&R) Memorandum, dated June 30, 2008.** This program is superseded by the OUSD (P&R) memorandum dated April 6, 2009 which is discussed in subparagraph 150401.B. Members will continue to receive their AIP payments until the end date specified in their agreements or their departure from Korea.

1. **Eligibility**

   a. Airmen who volunteer to serve a 24-month unaccompanied or 36-month accompanied tour before arriving in Korea, and who enter such agreement prior to
completion of the first 30 days in country, will receive $300 per month from the date of arrival through their new tour end date.

b. Additionally, there is a one-time application offer for airmen who have at least 6 months remaining on their tour in Korea or who have not received benefits under the OTEIP or the IPCOT program. Airmen who volunteer to extend their tour length by 12 months and enter such an agreement will receive $300 per month from the date of signature through their new tour end date.

2. The AIP will be stopped upon termination of the contract or curtailment of the agreed tour of duty for any reason, either voluntary or involuntary. The entitlement to AIP will be terminated if the member is determined to be AWOL or enters confinement.

3. Airmen who elect AIP for Korea will not be eligible for Home basing, Follow-on Assignment, or concurrent OTEIP or IPCOT.

B. OUSD (P&R) Memorandum dated April 6, 2009. This memorandum establishes 3 categories of assignments applicable for AIP payments. All categories require a written agreement by the member. The categories are:

1. Members who volunteer for a 36-month initial assignment to Pyeongtaek, Osan, Daegu, Chinhae, or Seoul may be paid $300 per month in AIP, to be paid on a monthly basis, upon commencement of the assignment.

2. Members who volunteer for a 24-month initial assignment to Uijongbu or Dongducheon may be paid $300 per month in AIP, to be paid on a monthly basis, upon commencement of the assignment.

3. Members who accept an initial tour to Korea in any location and later elect to extend their assignment length for 12 or 24 months may be paid $300 per month, to be paid on a monthly basis, upon commencement of the tour with an extension agreement, or entering the extension, whichever is earlier.

C. Restrictions

1. No member may be paid an AIP payment under subparagraph 150401.B if they are being paid AIP for the same assignment or extension of assignment under another AIP program.

2. No agreements shall be entered into after September 30, 2014 with the programs remaining subject to congressional reauthorization of 37 U.S.C. 307a.

150402. Creech Air Force Base Assignment Incentive Program. On June 29, 2008, the PDUSD (P&R) approved the payment of assignment incentive pay for personnel assigned to Creech Air Force Base (AFB). The Air Force implemented the program with their instructions
dated July 11, 2008. On July 30, 2008, the PDUSD (P&R) modified the approval by removing the contractual obligation for members to receive the AIP.

A. **Eligibility.** Members are authorized $300 per month for the first 36 months and $750 per month thereafter for:

1. Being permanently assigned to Air Force units or elements, and,

2. Prior to July 30, 2008, eligible members were required to sign a written agreement to serve in a designated assignment at Creech AFB for a period corresponding to 36 or more months time on station (TOS).

B. **Temporary Duty Travel Credit.** TOS credit (whole months) for the purposes of calculating AIP will be given for temporary duty travel (TDY) to Creech AFB for those who begin a subsequent permanent change of station assignment to Creech AFB within 6 months of the completion of that TDY. This calculation is for TOS equivalency only. No retroactive payment of AIP is authorized.

* C. The Creech AIP program may continue through December 31, 2011. No new contracts will be entered into after that date unless the AIP program is reauthorized by the OUSD (P&R).

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150403. **24th Special Tactics Squadron (24th STS) Incentive Program.** The PDUSD (P&R) on September 25, 2007 authorized the payment of $750 per month AIP to enlisted members of the 24th STS. The Air Force implemented the AIP program on October 23, 2007. The program was extended on December 22, 2009 by the OUSD (P&R).

A. **Eligibility**

1. Enlisted special mission unit (SMU) members who have already served a minimum of 12 months in operator billets are eligible.

2. A written agreement must be signed to serve an additional 12 to 36 months in an SMU assignment.

3. Airmen paid this AIP may not be in receipt of AIP for service in a SOCOM Special Operations Forces billet for the same period.

B. **Termination**

1. This AIP payment shall terminate upon permanent reassignment to another billet or unit other than a 24th STS operator billet.

2. This AIP payment shall terminate in the event the member goes AWOL or in a confinement status prior to completion of this assignment.
3. The program may continue through December 31, 2011. No new contracts will be entered into after that date, subject to congressional reauthorization of 37 U.S.C. 307a and PDUSD (P&R) action to extend, modify, or cancel the program.

1505 MARINE CORPS ASSIGNMENT INCENTIVE PAY PROGRAMS

150501. Deployment Extension Program. On February 14, 2007, the Marine Corps authorized AIP for Marines who extend their enlistment/reenlistment in order to complete a deployment with a unit involuntarily extended in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom or other Global War on Terrorism mission. This AIP is payable through December 31, 2010.

A. Eligibility

1. Must have less than 12 months on active service remaining on their existing enlistment/reenlistment.

2. Must agree to remain with their current unit to complete the extended deployment.

B. Payment. Marines who extended their enlistment/reenlistment will be eligible to receive $500 for every month of their extension.

C. Termination. Payment of AIP will stop under the following circumstances:

1. Service initiated, or other, no fault of the Marine, curtailment of the AIP tour, or

2. Terminal leave

150502. Combat Extension Program. Effective October 1, 2006, Marines who extended their expiration of active service (EAS) beyond October 1, 2007, to complete a 7 or 12-month deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom or other Global War on Terrorism mission are eligible for AIP. This AIP is payable through December 31, 2010.

A. Eligibility

1. Must have less than 12 months remaining until their EAS.

2. Must extend their EAS into FY08 (October 1, 2007).

3. Must agree to remain with their current unit or be reassigned to a deploying unit based on the needs of the Marine Corps. Marines that have previously extended
and have completed the deployment are eligible for the AIP provided their EAS exceeds October 1, 2007.

4. Must sign a written agreement.

5. Length of extension is based on the Marine’s current EAS and the unit deployment schedule. The new EAS must account for the entire deployment and post deployment transition time.

B. Payment

1. Marines who extend their EAS by 7 months to complete a deployment are eligible to receive $3,000.

2. Marines who extend their EAS by 12 months to complete a deployment are eligible to receive $6,000.

3. Combat Zone Tax Exclusion (CZTE) will apply if the Marine signs the agreement while physically located in a CZTE area or during the month in which CZTE applies.

C. Recoupment. If the Marine does not fulfill the EAS extension or complete the deployment due to misconduct or actions initiated by the Marine, then the unearned portion of the AIP will be recouped. Recoupment will be prorated based on the period of time unfulfilled. Calculations use a daily rate of $14.29 for a 7-month and $16.67 for a 12-month deployment times the number of days of deployment that were not completed.

150503. Marine Corps AIP Programs for Involuntary Extension of Tour Length in Iraq, Afghanistan, or Certain Theater Units Programs.

A. Involuntary Extension Beyond 12-Months BoG. The provisions of section 1506 apply.

* B. Involuntary Extension Beyond 210 But Less Than 365-Days BoG. On May 17, 2007, AIP was authorized by the PDUSD (P&R) for Marine Corps units/individuals involuntarily extended beyond normal deployment durations subject to an effective date after the Marine Corps announcement of the program. The Marine Corps announced the program effective July 1, 2007 in MARADMIN 397/07. This program is authorized through December 31, 2012, subject to congressional reauthorization of 37 U.S.C. 307a.

1. Marines assigned to a unit at or below the Battalion/Squadron level, deployed as service or joint individual augments (IA) or deployed as a member of a transition/training team (TT) who are involuntarily extended beyond 210 days, but less than 365 days, are eligible for AIP. Payment is a flat $250 for every month (or partial month) the deployment duration exceeds the original deployment return date.
2. The involuntary unit/individual extension must occur in the US Central Command area of responsibility, Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), Carrier/CARRIER Nuclear (CV/CVN) squadron deployment or other locations designated by the Commandant of the Marine Corps. Marines must be serving in these areas to receive the AIP. Marines that do not deploy; remain at the home station; or stay at other locations not within the unit’s AOR are not eligible for this AIP.

3. Marines who join a unit after the unit’s departure to the AOR are eligible when the unit is involuntarily extended beyond the original deployment return date.

4. Marines who return from deployment earlier than the original return date are not eligible for this AIP. This includes returning due to combat or non-combat injury.

5. Marines participating in the AIP program outlined in subparagraph 150501 are not eligible for AIP under this subparagraph.

6. Marines already on involuntary extensions are authorized AIP under this subparagraph. Payment commences on the 1st day after the original deployment return date and continues monthly for the duration of the involuntary extension.

7. AIP will be terminated for individuals on the date the member departs the AOR; for units when the majority of the main body of the unit departs the AOR; or for MEUs and CV/CVNs on the date the command element returns to homeport.

150504. Fiscal Year (FY) 07 End Strength Incentive Program. On February 14, 2007, AIP was authorized for enlisted Marines with under 27 years of service who reenlist for a minimum period of 36 months. This AIP is payable through September 30, 2007.

A. Eligibility

1. Marines in grades E-3 through E-9 with under 20 years of service must meet Enlisted Career Force Controls/High Year Tenure (ECFC/HYT) guidelines and:

   a. Reenlist during FY07 for 4 years or more are eligible for $10,000

   b. Reenlist during FY07 for 3 years prior to February 12, 2007 and who accept an additional 12-months extension to their term of service in conjunction with their AIP agreement are eligible for $10,000.

2. Marines with over 20 years of service who meet ECFC/HYT guidelines and:

   a. Reenlist during FY07 for 3 years or more are eligible for $10,000
b. Reenlist during FY07 for 2 years prior to February 12, 2007 and who accept an additional 12-months extension to their term of service in conjunction with their AIP agreement are eligible for $10,000.

3. Marines who return to the active component during FY07 and reenlist for a minimum period of 48 months are eligible for the AIP based on the number of days of broken active component service. The periods of broken service and rates are:

   a. 90 days or less for $10,000
   b. 91 to 365 days for $8,000
   c. 366 to 1460 days (4 years) for $6,000

4. Active component Marines reenlisting for a special officer program are eligible for the FY07 AIP provided they meet the guidelines established in MARADMIN 107/07 dated February 14, 2007. Marines commissioned or appointed as warrant officers will not be required to repay any portion of the FY07 end strength AIP.

5. Marines that receive the FY07 AIP and then separate to participate in another program offered by a different service will be required to repay any unearned portion of the AIP agreement.

B. Recoupment. The provisions of Chapter 9, section 0905 applies for recoupment of any unearned FY07 end strength AIP. Recoupment will be prorated with the following rates:

   1. Marines with under 20 years will pay $208 per month times the number of months of the reenlistment contract not completed.
   2. Marines over 20 years will pay $278 per month times the number of months of the reenlistment contract not completed.

150505. Recruiter Extension Program. On February 14, 2007 through December 31, 2010, Marines in MOS 8411 positions are authorized payment of AIP for $500 per month beginning on the 1st day of the month following the completion of the 36-month tour of duty.

A. Eligibility

   1. Marines must be serving in MOS 8411 as a Canvassing Recruiter, Staff Noncommissioned Officer in Charge (SNCOIC) of a recruiting substation or prior service recruiter.
   2. Must extend for 6 to 12 months beyond the required 36-month tour.
3. Must successfully complete the 36-month tour of duty.

4. Recruiters must have command endorsement.

5. Recruiters already serving a 6 month or greater extension are eligible for the program. If approved, then payment will be for the remaining months of their current extension.

B. **Restriction.** Back to back AIP agreements or concurrent AIP extensions beyond 12 months are not authorized.

C. **Termination.** Payment of AIP will terminate under the following circumstances:

1. Failure to meet recruiting requirements prescribed by the recruiting station commanding officer or prior service recruiting office officer in charge.

2. Service initiated, or other, no fault-of-the-Marine, curtailment of AIP tour.

3. Relief or reassignment from the designated AIP billet.

4. Terminal leave.

5. No longer serving in a production recruiter or SNCOIC of a recruiting substation billet.

6. Completion of the recruiter extension program period.

**150506. Special Mission Unit (SMU) Program.** On November 28, 2007, the PDUSD (P&R) authorized the Marine Corps to establish an AIP program for Special Mission Units subject to the Marine Corps announcing the program and the establishment of an effective date. On December 22, 2009, the OUSD (P&R) approved the Marine Corps’ request to extend this program. Agreements are authorized to be entered into through December 31, 2011, subject to congressional reauthorization of section 37 U.S.C. 307a.

A. **Payment**

1. Payment of $750 per month is authorized for Marines who have served in an SMU operator billet for less than 3 years.

2. Payment of $1000 per month is authorized for Marines who have served in an SMU operator billet for 3 or more years.
B. Eligibility

1. Only SMU enlisted Marines serving in operator billets are eligible.

2. Eligible Marines must sign a written agreement to serve an additional 12 to 36 months in an SMU billet.

3. Marines paid this AIP may not receive AIP for service in a SOCOM Special Operations Forces billet for the same period.

C. Termination

1. This AIP payment shall terminate upon permanent reassignment to another billet or unit other than an SMU.

2. This AIP payment shall terminate in the event the member goes AWOL or in a confinement status prior to completion of this assignment.

150507. Voluntary Extension Beyond 365 Days Boots on Ground in Iraq, Afghanistan, or Other Theater Units Program. The PDUSD(P&R) on October 11, 2007 authorized the Marine Corps to establish an AIP program for voluntary extensions for Marines serving on a 12-month deployment in a Regimental/Group level command or higher, who, upon completion of 12 consecutive months or 12 months out of the previous 15 months BoG in Iraq, Afghanistan, or certain theater units, volunteer to extend for a minimum of 90 days. The Marine Corps issued MARADMIN 040/08 on January 16, 2008, establishing an AIP program for these voluntary extensions.

A. Eligibility

1. Marines must be on an initial 365-BoG tour in a Regimental/Group Level Command or higher.

2. Marines must be an E6 or above. Marines selected for E6 are eligible.

3. Marines must be serving in the US Central Command Area of Responsibility (AOR) which is defined as Iraq, Kuwait, Afghanistan, Bahrain, or the Horn of Africa prior to the extension.

4. Marines must sign a written agreement to extend their deployment a minimum of 90 days.

B. Payment. Payment of $500 per month is authorized for the length of the voluntary extension.
C. **Restriction.** Payment for this voluntary AIP program may not be combined with any involuntary extension programs.

D. **Termination**

1. Payment for the AIP program will terminate when the Marine departs the AOR.

2. No new written agreements will be entered into after December 31, 2012, subject to congressional reauthorization of **37 U.S.C. 307a**.

**1506 ASSIGNMENT INCENTIVE PAY PROGRAMS FOR INVOLUNTARY EXTENSIONS IN IRAQ, AFGHANISTAN OR CERTAIN THEATER UNITS.** The AIP program for involuntary extensions beyond 12-months BoG in Iraq, Afghanistan, or certain theater units entitled qualified members to $800 per month in AIP. There are 4 independent qualifying effective dates with criteria as follows:

150601. **January 20, 2004 PDUSD (P&R) Memo.** On January 20, 2004, AIP was authorized for members assigned or attached to specified units identified by the Combatant Commander as having been required to remain in Iraq beyond the normal 12-month rotation return date. Additionally, the individual member must have been deployed to Iraq (including staging time in Kuwait) and/or Afghanistan for 12 months within a 15-month period (365 days out of 450 days). (The authority issued on January 20, 2004, was rescinded, but replaced by policy issued on April 12, 2004, by memorandum with no material change).

150602. **April 22, 2004 PDUSD (P&R) Memo.** On April 22, 2004, AIP was authorized for members assigned to theater units not based in Iraq, who routinely conduct operations in Iraq or support units that conduct operations in Iraq. The only qualifying units are those specified by the Combatant Commander as having been involuntarily extended beyond the normal 12-month rotation return date. Additionally, the individual member must have been deployed to Iraq (including staging time in Kuwait) and/or Afghanistan and/or the location of the unit for 12 months within a 15-month period (365 days out of 450 days).

150603. **June 24, 2005 PDUSD (P&R) Memo.** On June 24, 2005, continued payment of AIP in effect under the April 12th and 22nd, 2004 memoranda for members in units involuntarily extended beyond 12-months BoG in Iraq was authorized. The program was also expanded to include Afghanistan and any individual member involuntarily extended beyond 12-months BoG in Iraq, Afghanistan or in certain theater units (units that routinely conduct operations or support units that conduct operations in Iraq or in Afghanistan, but are not based in those countries). The authority issued on June 24, 2005 rescinded the April 12th and 22nd, 2004 memoranda referenced in subparagraphs 150601 and 150602.

150604. **November 13, 2008 PDUSD (P&R) Memo.** The PDUSD (P&R) issued a November 13, 2008 memo authorizing the payment of $1,000 for AIP effective on and after December 1, 2008. Members will be provided a written statement specifying the period of the approved involuntary extension for which the AIP will be paid.
150605. **Payment Exception.** Payment will not be prorated for partial months, but rather will be paid in full for any partial month of qualification. This is an exception to the usual practice of prorating AIP.

1507  **SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES ASSIGNMENT INCENTIVE PAY PROGRAM.** On January 1, 2005, the PDUSD (P&R) authorized AIP for military members assigned to the Special Operations Command (SOCOM).

150701. **Eligible Members.** Enlisted members and Warrant Officers assigned in MFP-11 SOCOM billets having more than 25 years of service, and who are designated by the Combatant Commander SOCOM as “operators” shall be authorized AIP provided the member signs a written agreement to remain on active duty for an additional minimum 12-month period. The period may be prorated in the year of scheduled retirement.

150702. **Payment.** The monthly rate of AIP under this program will be $750. Members will be entitled beginning on the effective date of the agreement through the period of the agreement.

* 150703. **Restriction.** No new contracts shall be entered into after March 31, 2012.

1508  **ASSIGNMENT INCENTIVE PAY IN LIEU OF POST-DEPLOYMENT/MOBILIZATION RESPITE ABSENCE (PDMRA) PROGRAM.** The Secretary of Defense directed on January 19, 2007 that a program be established to recognize members who mobilize or deploy more frequently than established rotation policy goals. The PDMRA program was established to allow a member to earn days of administrative absence, not chargeable to the member’s accrued leave account, dependent on the length of time the member deployed beyond the rotation policy goals. The program also allows members to receive monetary compensation in lieu of administrative absence days in certain situations.

150801. **May 24, 2007 Under Secretary of Defense (USD) Memorandum.** The Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) authorized the Secretary concerned to offer the option of payment of AIP in lieu of taking administrative absence under the PDMRA program in certain situations. Certain Reserve Component members could elect to receive AIP for PDMRA days earned instead of taking the administrative absence. The programs are not effective until the Services publish their implementation instructions.

A. **Eligible Members.** Reserve component members who are also federal, state, or local government civilian employees and precluded by law from being paid by two entities for simultaneously serving in a Reserve component status and in their civilian government jobs may elect the payment of AIP instead of taking administrative absence.

B. **Requirement.** The member must elect to receive the AIP instead of the PDMRA administrative absence days before the PDMRA days are earned.
C. Payment. Members electing to be paid the AIP shall receive $200 for each PDMRA day earned. Members are not authorized to be paid for any PDMRA days earned before an election is made.

D. Restrictions

1. Payment of the AIP shall not exceed the monthly limit of $3,000 prescribed in 37 U.S.C. 307a.

2. The PDMRA payment benefit is not eligible for combat zone tax exclusion.

E. Service Instructions. Effective dates for the implementation are:

3. Army: August 7, 2007

150802. Public Law 110-84, section 604, dated October 28, 2009. Congress authorized the Secretary of Defense to prescribe regulations allowing the Secretary concerned to provide current and former members with payment for administrative absence days earned under the PDMRA program during the period January 19, 2007 through the date the Service implemented their respective PDMRA program. The OUSD (P&R) issued guidance on February 1, 2010 authorizing the Secretary concerned to issue implementing guidance. The discretionary authority to pay this benefit expires on October 28, 2010.

A. Eligible members

1. Former members who were discharged or released from the Armed Forces under honorable conditions.

2. Current active and reserve component members who during the period described in paragraph 150802 qualified for PDMRA days.

B. Payment

1. Former members may receive $200 for each PDMRA day earned.

2. Current members who, during the period of January 19, 2007, through the date the member’s service implemented the PDMRA benefits as stated in subparagraph 150801.E, would have earned PDMRA days may receive either one day of
administrative absence for each PDMRA day earned or payment not to exceed $200 per day for each PDMRA day earned during that time frame, as directed by the Secretary concerned.

3. Payment may be paid in lump sum or installments, at the election of the Secretary concerned.

C. Restrictions

1. Payment of the AIP shall not exceed the monthly limit of $3,000 prescribed in 37 U.S.C. 307a.

2. The PDMRA payment benefit is not eligible for combat zone tax exclusion.
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