

VOLUME 7A, CHAPTER 38: “SERVICE ACADEMY CADETS, MIDSHIPMEN, AND SERVICE ACADEMY PREPARATORY SCHOOL STUDENTS”

SUMMARY OF MAJOR CHANGES

All changes are denoted by **blue font**.

Substantive revisions are denoted by an asterisk (*) symbol preceding the section, paragraph, table, or figure that includes the revision.

Unless otherwise noted, chapters referenced are contained in this volume.

Hyperlinks are denoted by **bold, italic, blue, and underlined font**.

The previous version dated **May 2015** is archived.

PARAGRAPH	EXPLANATION OF CHANGE/REVISION	PURPOSE
Table 38-1	Updated the rations rate for the calendar year 2016 in accordance with the “Food Service Charges at Appropriated Fund Dining Facilities and the Military Academies” as listed on the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense-Comptroller website.	Revision
Bibliography	Updated references.	Revision

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CHAPTER 38

**SERVICE ACADEMY CADETS, MIDSHIPMEN, AND
SERVICE ACADEMY PREPARATORY SCHOOL STUDENTS**

3801 GENERAL

380101. Purpose

This chapter establishes policy pertaining to the pay and allowances for cadets at the United States Military Academy, the United States Air Force Academy, the Coast Guard Academy, and midshipmen at the United States Naval Academy.

380102. Authoritative Guidance

The bibliography at the end of this chapter lists the authoritative references.

3802 ENTITLEMENTS

380201. Monthly Pay

Cadets at the United States Military Academy, the United States Air Force Academy, and midshipmen at the United States Naval Academy are entitled to pay at the monthly rate of 35 percent of the basic pay of a commissioned officer in the pay grade O-1 with less than 2 years of service. This monthly rate is prescribed in Chapter 1, Table 1-7.

380202. Rations

Cadets and midshipmen are entitled to commuted rations at the daily rate established by the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) as prescribed in Table 38-1.

380203. Incentive and Special Pays

Cadets and midshipmen are not entitled to incentive pay for hazardous duty or special pay for duty subject to hostile fire or imminent danger.

380204. Start and Stop Dates

See Table 38-2.

380205. Continuance of Pay and Allowances

Pay and allowances continue to accrue to cadets or midshipmen while they are absent in an official missing or missing-in-action status. See Chapter 34. Cadets and midshipmen also are entitled to full pay while traveling under orders.

380206. Death Benefits

Death gratuity entitlement and settlement of unpaid pay and allowances instructions are contained in Chapter 36.

380207. Settlement for Unused Accrued Leave

Cadets and midshipmen do not earn leave; therefore, they are not entitled to lump-sum leave benefits.

3803 OTHER STUDENTS

380301. Service Academy Preparatory School Students

A. A student at the United States Military Academy Preparatory School, the United States Naval Academy Preparatory School, or the United States Air Force Academy Preparatory School, who was selected to attend the preparatory school from civilian life, is entitled to monthly student pay at the same rate as provided for cadets and midshipmen.

B. A student at the United States Military Academy Preparatory School, the United States Naval Academy Preparatory School, or the United States Air Force Academy Preparatory School, who, at the time of the student's selection to attend the preparatory school, was an enlisted member of the Uniformed Services, will receive the monthly basic pay at the rate prescribed for the student's pay grade and years of service as an enlisted member or at the rate provided for cadets and midshipmen under section 3802, whichever is greater.

380302. Foreign Cadets and Midshipmen

Persons from a foreign nation, who are receiving instruction at the Military Service academies are entitled to the same pay, commuted rations, and travel and transportation allowances as are authorized for United States cadets and midshipmen.

3804 DEDUCTIONS FROM MONTHLY PAY

380401. Allotments

The Military Department concerned determines whether cadets and midshipmen may register allotments of pay.

380402. Collections of Indebtedness

For general policies and requirements relating to the collection of indebtedness, see [Volume 16](#). Private indebtedness for services (laundry, dry cleaning, shoe repair, e.g.) is not an indebtedness collectible under [Volume 16](#).

380403. Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI)

Academy cadets and midshipmen are eligible for SGLI coverage while on full-time duty as a cadet or midshipman at a Service academy. See Chapter 47. Details covering the administration of the SGLI program for cadets or midshipmen are contained in the pay procedural instructions of the Military Service academy concerned.

380404. Taxes

The basic pay of cadets and midshipmen is subject to Federal and state withholding tax (Chapter 44) and Federal Insurance Contribution Act tax (Chapter 45).

3805 ADVANCE PAY FOR CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT PURCHASES

380501. General

The Secretary of the Military Department concerned prescribes the amount to be advanced each new cadet or midshipman to cover the cost of initial clothing and equipment. The amount advanced is deducted in regular installments from the cadet's or midshipman's monthly pay until fully collected. Any cadet or midshipman who is discharged (whether voluntarily or involuntarily) before graduation and before the total amount has been repaid, must turn in as much of the clothing and equipment of a distinctive military nature as is necessary to liquidate the balance owed.

380502. Discharge

If a cadet or midshipman is discharged and the value of the turned-in clothing and equipment does not cover the balance owed, **then the** value of the turned-in clothing and equipment **is applied to** the balance owed and the **remainder of the advance owed is cancelled**, regardless of reason for discharge.

3806 TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION ALLOWANCES

The travel and transportation allowances payable to cadets and midshipmen are prescribed in [Joint Travel Regulations, Chapter 7, Part X, U7650.](#)

*Table 38-1. Ration Rates

Effective	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Total
October 1, 1999	\$1.05	2.15	2.15	\$5.35
October 1, 2000	\$1.05	2.20	2.20	\$5.45
October 1, 2001	\$1.10	2.25	2.25	\$5.60
October 1, 2002	\$1.15	2.30	2.30	\$5.75
October 1, 2003	\$1.20	2.35	2.35	\$5.90
October 1, 2004	\$1.25	2.55	2.55	\$6.35
October 1, 2005	\$1.30	2.60	2.60	\$6.50
October 1, 2006	\$1.30	2.65	2.65	\$6.60
October 1, 2007	\$1.35	2.80	2.80	\$6.95
October 1, 2008	\$2.10	3.85	3.85	\$9.80
January 1, 2009	\$2.30	4.25	4.25	\$10.80
January 1, 2010	\$2.30	4.25	4.25	\$10.80
January 1, 2011	\$2.30	4.25	4.25	\$10.80
January 1, 2012	\$2.45	4.55	4.55	\$11.55
January 1, 2013	\$2.50	4.60	4.60	\$11.70
January 1, 2014	\$2.55	4.65	4.65	\$11.85
January 1, 2015	\$3.45	5.55	4.85	\$13.85
January 1, 2016	\$3.05	4.90	4.30	\$12.25

NOTE: If current year is not listed, see Reimbursable Rates at the Office of the Under Secretary Defense ([Comptroller Website](#), Tab G).

Table 38-2. Dates to Start and Stop Pay and Allowances

R U L E	A	B
	When a cadet or midshipman	then pay and allowances
1	has been admitted officially to one of the Service academies	start on the day of admission (note 1).
2	has been discharged and later reappointed to one of the Service academies	are stopped on date of discharge, and start again on day of reappointment (note 1).
3	has been dismissed by sentence of court-martial	stop on the date of termination of service as specified in orders directing dismissal.
4	has been dismissed from the academy by other than court-martial action before graduating	stop on date of dismissal.
5	dies before graduation	stop on the date of death.
6	is appointed a second lieutenant in the Army or Air Force upon graduation	stop on the day before the date of graduation.
7	is commissioned in the Regular Navy or Marine Corps	stop on the day before the date of formal acceptance of appointment.
8	is placed voluntarily in a leave without pay status	stop on the day before the member enters a leave without pay status. If the member is readmitted to the academy, then the pay and allowances start again, on the day of readmission.
9	is not appointed a second lieutenant in the Army immediately upon graduation	continue until the member is appointed a second lieutenant or is discharged (note 2).

NOTES:

1. An Oath of Allegiance must be taken before first payment is made.
2. In case of appointment, active duty pay is payable from date of graduation (Table 1-3, Rule 5); therefore, an adjustment is necessary between cadet pay received and active duty pay due.

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3802 – ENTITLEMENTS

380201	Title 37 United States Code, (U.S.C.), Section 203 (c)
380202	37 U.S.C. § 422 (b) 43 Comptroller General (Comp Gen) 94
380203	30 Comp Gen 31 47 Comp Gen 781
380206	26 Comp Gen 373
380207	37 U.S.C. § 504

3803 – OTHER STUDENTS

380301.A	37 U.S.C. § 203 (e) (1)
380301.B	37 U.S.C. § 203 (e) (2)
380302	10 U.S.C. § 4344, 4345, 6957, 9344

3804 – DEDUCTIONS FROM MONTHLY PAY

380403	38 U.S.C. § 1965, 1967
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3805 – ADVANCE PAY FOR CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT PURCHASES

10 U.S.C. 4350; § 6960; 9350
DFAS DGD/DE Memo, May 21, 2002

*Table 38-1

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Comptroller Website, Calendar Year 2016
Reimbursable Rates, Tab G

Table 38-2

Rule 6	37 U.S.C. § 204 (f)
Rule 8	46 Comp Gen 261