

ELIGIBILITY

AUTHORIZED PATRONAGE OF MILITARY MORALE WELFARE AND RECREATION PROGRAMS

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ENCLOSURE 4

AUTHORIZED PATRONAGE OF MILITARY MWR PROGRAMS

1. GENERAL

- a. The authorizations in Tables 1 and 2 of this enclosure shall be used to determine program access, except where authorization is in conflict with international agreements.
- b. Access to Service exchanges and their programs shall be in accordance with References (e) and (f).
- c. When MWR facilities cannot accommodate all authorized patrons, the installation commander shall determine specific use priorities. The priorities for those authorized to use MWR facilities in such situations shall be based on the priorities established in paragraphs 2.a. and 2.b. and Tables 1 and 2 of this enclosure. Members of the Ready Reserve and Retired Reserve, including those who have qualified for retired pay at age 60 but have not yet reached age 60, are permitted use of Category C activities on the same basis as members on active duty and their family members.
- d. The DoD Component concerned shall ensure patrons are identified as authorized before providing privileges.
- e. Patron eligibility for child and youth programs is provided in References (n), (o), and (p).
- f. Patron eligibility for WFS programs is provided in Reference (z).

2. ELIGIBLE PATRONS

- a. Table 1 shows groups authorized unlimited use of all MWR programs.
- b. Table 2 shows groups authorized limited use of military MWR activities at the discretion of the installation commander. Commanders may open activities to these patrons based on local demand and capacity. Resale of food, state tax-free beverages, and tobacco products is restricted to amounts consumed on the premises and to convenience merchandise incidental to daily participation (such as golf tees). APF and NAF civilian personnel employed by MWR activities, and their family members, may purchase merchandise without restrictions from MWR resale activities (not exchanges).

Table 1 - Unlimited Use Authorized for All MWR Programs	
Category	Authorized Group
Uniformed Service members and their family members	<p>Members on active duty (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard).</p> <p>Members of the Reserve Components (Ready Reserve and National Guard; Reservists in training).</p> <p>Cadets of Service Academies and U.S. Merchant Marine Cadets.</p> <p>Members of the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service and the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on active duty.</p>
Other Uniformed Service, Retirees and their family members	<p>Retired from active duty.</p> <p>Retired from the Reserve Components with pay and retired without pay (gray area).</p>
Others separated from the Military Services and their family members	<p>Honorably discharged veterans with 100 percent Service-connected disability and involuntarily separated Service members under the Transition Assistance Management Program.</p> <p>Medal of Honor recipients.</p>
Former and/or surviving spouses and family members	<p>Un-remarried surviving spouses of personnel who died while on active duty or while in retired status.</p> <p>Un-remarried former spouses who were married to Military Service members for at least 20 years while the Service member was on active duty.</p> <p>Surviving children of Servicemembers who have not been adopted by new parents and are under 21 years old (or over if they are incapable of supporting themselves, or under 23 years old if they are in full-time study).</p>
DoD and Coast Guard civilians and their family members	<p>When stationed outside the United States.</p>
Other supporters of the Department of Defense	<p>Other supporters of the Department of Defense Medical personnel under contract to the Military Services during periods when they are residing on the installation.</p> <p>Military and civilian personnel of foreign nations and their family members when on U.S. military orders assigning them to the United States or in overseas areas when the major command commander grants privileges in the best interest of the United States.</p>

	<p>Paid members of the American Red Cross, Young Men's and Women's Christian Association, United Service Organization, and other type 1 private organizations identified in References (k, r, and s) when assigned with the Military Services outside the United States.</p> <p>U.S. citizens employed by firms under contract to the Department of Defense working on an installation when assigned in areas outside the United States.</p>
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Table 2 - Limited Use Authorized by Installation Commanders	
Category	Authorized Group
U.S. DoD and Coast Guard civilians and family members (including retirees and their family members)	APF, NAF and retired DoD and Coast Guard civilians.
DoD contract personnel and technical representatives	Working full time on the installation. 1
Others associated with the Department of Defense	Reserve Officers' Training Corps cadets when participating in field training or practice cruises. Former prisoners of war (POWs) and spouses of POWs or Service members missing in action and their family members.
Other non-DoD Federal employees and contractors	Working full-time on the installation. 1
Military Housing Privatization Initiative (MHPI) employees and residents and privatized Army lodging employees.	MHPI employees or residents and privatized Army lodging employees. 1
Foreign national employees	APF and NAF foreign national employees assigned and working directly for DoD installations overseas if not prohibited by Status of Forces Agreements (SOFAs) or other international agreements or local laws and the installation commander determines it is in the best interest of the command. Annual recertification of the employee authorization is required. 1
Guests	Who are not otherwise eligible to use MWR programs when specifically invited and accompanied by an authorized patron. Installation commanders approve local rules governing the number of guests and the frequency of use at specific facilities.
Members of the public	Leaders in the local community designated by the installation commander. Individuals must be recertified annually. Applicable to community leaders overseas if SOFA or other international agreements or local laws do not prohibit and the installation commander determines it is in the best interest of the command.

	<p>Members of the general public can attend infrequent MWR sponsored events when the installation meets controls established by the DoD Component.1</p> <p>Members of the general public within the United States and its territories and possessions may use Category C programs on a continual basis when the established criteria 1 and 2 has been met and specifically approved by the Secretary of the Military Department, who may further delegate this approval authority to a flag officer or SES equivalent of the Military Service headquarters staff, but no further.</p> <p>Sponsored visitors to the installation may use MWR food and beverage activities.</p>
<p>1. Motion picture patronage shall be in accordance with non-theatrical licensing agreements negotiated separately by the Military Service.</p> <p>2. At a minimum:</p> <p>a. Commander determines that adequate facilities are available and currently underutilized by authorized patrons.</p> <p>b. Written agreements are obtained from local government officials or other appropriate community leaders indicating that they have no objections to expanded use of military MWR programs.</p> <p>c. Allowing these individuals to use these facilities is beneficial to both the military members and civilians in the community.</p> <p>d. No conflict exists with Federal, State, or local laws.</p>	