

# INFANTRY CAREER NOTES



## Army Gives AIP for Korea Assignments

The Army has a new incentive program to encourage Soldiers to extend their tours of duty in Korea for an additional year.

The program, titled the Assignment Incentive Pay (AIP) program, adds an additional \$300 per month to paychecks if Soldiers in or enroute to Korea sign up for an additional 12-month tour there.

The AIP is a one-year program that is being offered to all Soldiers - officer, warrant officer, and enlisted — to promote stability, predictability and improved readiness in Korea while reducing personnel turbulence Armywide, officials said.

“This is an outstanding, unprecedented opportunity for our Soldiers to extend their tours in this great country so they may continue to strengthen the warfighting abilities of their units, and to further experience the cultural opportunities available to them that they might otherwise miss on a shorter, 12-month tour,” said Lieutenant General Charles Campbell, commander of 8th U.S. Army. “You only have to look at the benefits of this program to see how every Soldier and every unit can benefit.”

“We want to keep more of our extremely well-trained Soldiers on the peninsula,” said Campbell. “Our Soldiers and leaders are the cornerstone of our high readiness posture, and retaining more of that talent in theater for a longer period of time enhances our ability to deter aggression and support peace and stability on the peninsula.”

With limited exceptions, all Soldiers, regardless of rank, currently stationed in Korea or on assignment instructions to Korea, can apply for the program. Soldiers currently serving in Korea have the opportunity to apply for the program for a 60-day period. All other Soldiers serving

outside of Korea will have the opportunity to volunteer for this program.

“I strongly encourage all Soldiers on the peninsula to take a hard look at this program before the opportunity is lost. As leaders, we know with certainty that this program is a benefit to the forces on this peninsula, but only our Soldiers can decide whether this is right for them individually and for their families,” Campbell said.

“Eligibility for this program is a sweeping change to the benefits for extension currently available for Korea,” said Colonel Rick Mustion, commander of 8th Personnel Command in Korea. “Under the existing programs, the chief beneficiary has historically been enlisted Soldiers. With the AIP, warrant and commissioned officers can also take full advantage of the program with the same extension benefits as our enlisted Soldiers.”

Under the current program, Soldiers who elect to receive a monetary bonus may receive a lump sum or a monthly entitlement during their extension period.

Under the AIP, Soldiers will receive an extra \$300 in special pay each month, and this pay will continue until the end of their assignment in Korea.

“Soldiers should keep in mind that this incentive pay, like other extension incentives, is taxable income,” said Mustion.

Soldiers can apply for AIP on the 8th Personnel Command Website at [www-8perscom.korea.army.mil](http://www-8perscom.korea.army.mil). Click on the “AIP” link, enter the Army Knowledge Online user ID and password.

After login is complete, view the pre-populated DA Form 4187, and accept or decline the terms and agreements by clicking on either the “Accept” or “Decline” buttons. Soldiers can obtain a copy of the documents by clicking on the “Print” button.

Soldiers should contact their unit personnel officers for additional assistance or contact Theater Army Replacement Operations at DSN 724-3150 or via e-mail at [Aip@usfk.korea.army.mil](mailto:Aip@usfk.korea.army.mil) for assistance.

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