



FY12 AFAP Issue Responses

Below are responses provided by appropriate staff agencies to each of the issue submissions.

Note: Responses may have been edited for brevity and/or clarification.

Local level issues are highlighted.

ISSUE #	ISSUE (problem or proposal):	STAFF AGENCY RESPONSE:
FJ 12-01	CYSS childcare prices are too high.	Awaiting response.
FJ 12-02	Assistance paying for citizenship for military spouses	<i>From ACS Relocation:</i> Financial assistance can be provided in the form of an AER loan/grant depending on what the Family qualifies for. According to AER Section Reference Manual, page 34, under Miscellaneous Categories, AER funds can be used for immigration and passport fees.
FJ 12-03	Soldiers and civilians are given 6 weeks of maternity leave, but child cannot start daycare until they've had their shots at 8 weeks.	Awaiting response.
FJ 12-04	Diesel fuel availability on post	<i>From AAFES:</i> We regularly review all activities to ensure we are meeting our mission to provide quality goods and services, while generating income to support MWR programs. Although we offer diesel fuel at some exchanges, we do not have enough demand at Ft Jackson to justify the expense of adding diesel fuel tanks and dispensers. If demographics change and diesel fuel usage becomes more prominent in our area, we will consider offering it at our gasoline stations.
FJ 12-05	Benefits for surviving spouses of other branches of service	Submitted to FY12 Survivor Outreach Services (SOS) AFAP Conference.
FJ 12-06	CYSS employee discount	Awaiting response.

FJ 12-07	Free childcare for CYSS employees required to work on Saturdays	Awaiting response.
FJ 12-08	Hiring preference for retiree spouses	<p><i>From CPAC:</i></p> <p>The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) issued regulations regarding Executive Order 13473, Noncompetitive Appointment of Military Spouses. The intended effect of Executive Order 13473 is to facilitate entrance of military spouses into the Federal Service as part of an effort to recruit and retain experienced members of the armed forces and honor the service of members injured, disabled or killed in connection with their service. Section 315.612(b)(ii) of the 5 CFR requires a 100 percent disability rating for certain military members with a service connected disability. Section 2(e)(i) of E.O. 13473 specifies that a 100 percent disability is required for an individual for an individual with a service connected disability. A 100 percent disability limits a military retiree to little, if any, opportunities to obtain another job. Therefore, by extending and offering the E.O. 13473 to their spouses, the family is provided with the opportunity to obtain an income.</p>
FJ 12-09	Requirement to see PCM for referrals	Awaiting response.
FJ 12-10	DS Residing in the Barracks	<p><i>From RCI/Installation Housing:</i></p> <p>AR 420-1, Facilities Management, 3-18, d(4) states the installation housing rate for UPH(PP) must be at 95% utilization in order to issue a statement of non-availability. Our current occupancy rate is at 87%. The change to allow E-5 drill sergeants to reside off-post requires DA approval.</p>
FJ 12-11	On Post Shuttle Service	<p><i>From DOL:</i></p> <p>1. IAW regulatory guidance, transportation services for unofficial, non-mission related purposes are restrictive and prescriptive.</p>

		<p>Excerpts from the regulation governing such transportation are provided below: As stated in paragraph B. (1): "Vehicles may not be used to provide D-T-D transportation over all or any portion of the route between their domiciles and places of employment", and other exceptions are included. Therefore, the DOL cannot execute the request until Army policy changes.</p> <p>Note: The garrison has considered mass transit, local transportation moves, and shuttle services for several years, but funding for a transportation study and development project have not been approved. Due to the limited number of buses and drivers, even a compressed shuttle service is not currently feasible. What seems as a straight-forward task requires significant investment, oversight and funding.</p> <p>2. Taxi services are on the installation and are available by calling: Blue Ribbon Taxi Cab Corp, (803) 754-8163 or Checker Yellow Cab, (803) 799-3311.</p> <p>3. Changes to the regulations may be submitted to DA for consideration for change.</p>
FJ 12-12	Medication Selection at Moncrief Pharmacy	Awaiting response.
FJ 12-13	Centralized Out-Processing Place for Demobilizing Soldiers	<p><i>From DPW:</i></p> <p>The Strom Thurmond Building is designed to be a centralized administrative facility in which the majority of agencies required for out-processing are stationed. It is not feasible to station all required agencies in Strom Thurmond. We recommend administrative process improvements, such as scheduling out-processing in advance with agencies not in/around Strom Thurmond to avoid delays and minimize travel time.</p>
FJ 12-14	Increased Dental Coverage	Awaiting response.
FJ 12-15	Eye Coverage	Awaiting response.

FJ 12-16	Access to Primary Care Manager	Awaiting response.
FJ 12-17	Utility Billing for Privatized Housing	<i>From RCI/Installation Housing:</i> The Utility Billing program compares like homes by bedroom and square footage, w/the highs and lows thrown out. Fluctuations in weather conditions are taken into consideration and a 5% buffer is added. <i>The decision to not take occupancy in consideration was not made locally by Housing/ Balfour Beatty. An Army program dictates this, and they have found through the billing of other installations that occupancy has not been a big factor in regards to usage.</i>
FJ 12-18	Street lights on Semmes Road	<i>From DPW:</i> The Semmes Road bike path (from Lee Rd to Chesnut Rd) provides a safe means of travel for pedestrians and bicyclists in the 45 mph zone. Bicyclists riding at night are required to have front and rear lights; Soldiers performing PT are required to wear safety vests in order to be seen by motorists and utilize established PT areas coordinated through Post Safety and Emergency Services. It is best practice for other pedestrians to carry a flashlight at night on any road or sidewalk on Ft Jackson, particularly in areas without street lights.
FJ 12-19	Security Cameras for Single Soldier Barracks	<i>From RCI/Installation Housing:</i> Surveillance cameras were requested as a result of missing items from laundry rooms and theft from cars. As with residing off-post, laundry should never be left unattended for any reason nor should valuables be left in vehicles. The best way to protect property is to secure it. We are checking into the possibility of installing cameras for safety reasons. Issues to consider are who monitors the cameras, maintains the tapes, integrity of tapes for evidence, etc.
FJ 12-20	Remove Velcro from Uniforms	<i>This issue cannot be resolved at the local level and would need to be addressed by TRADOC.</i>
		<i>From DES:</i>

FJ 12-21	Unescorted Civilians in Housing Areas on Family Day	There is no command policy prohibiting civilians or guests from traveling through housing, and there is no legal method for Law Enforcement to identify if a civilian is a housing resident or is just “wandering through”. DES is consistently present in the housing area using speed measuring devices to stop speeding and looking for infractions or security issues. Anyone who observes a person they believe to be suspicious should call the military police desk and report the activity. Police Officers can then respond and conduct a field interview to evaluate the situation. One recommendation could be to install “Resident & Guest Only” signs at locations where they are not currently present. This would be a good tool to inform the public on the restricted movement in the housing area.
FJ 12-22	Donation of GI Bill benefits	Awaiting response.
FJ 12-23	Standardized youth facilities Army-wide	Awaiting response.
FJ 12-24	Increase funding for youth activities	Awaiting response.
FJ 12-25	Snack Bar Food Selection	Prioritized at the Teen AFAP Focus Group and will be presented at the FY12 AFAP Conference.
FJ 12-26	Transportation for off-post youth to the FJ Youth Center.	Prioritized at the Teen AFAP Focus Group and will be presented at the FY12 AFAP Conference.
FJ 12-27	Transfer of VEAP to dependants	Awaiting response.
FJ 12-28	FRSA’s at Brigade level	<i>USATC G1 SME Response:</i> The Family Readiness Support Assistant (FRSA) is an integral part of the Family Readiness Group (FRG), serving as the Commander’s advisor on the unit’s FRG program and contributing to mission readiness by promoting communication between the Command, FRGs and Family members. USATC G1 submitted a staff action

		<p>request to TRADOC for three civilian hire brigade-level FRSAs for FY12. The justification focuses on the countless hours that volunteers currently work to mitigate the requirement of improving quality of life and well-being at Fort Jackson. G1's stance is the hiring of civilian FRSAs at Brigade level will reduce the work load of volunteers, enhance Family Readiness programs and provide better support to all Soldiers, Civilians and Families. However, hiring requests for FRSAs at Brigade level is mute with Army staff at this time. Army staff (ODCS G-8 PA&E) has non-concurred with requests for additional FRSAs under the Generating Force FRSAs Concept Plan which proposed staffing FRSAs down to brigade levels). Rationale for non-concurrence was that Army could not identify a resource off-set to support the proposal. M&RA and ODCS G-3/5/7 have informed TRADOC (and other commands) that no further action would be taken. ACSIM (IMCOM G-9) is aware of commands asking for additional FRSAs. However, they are also aware that no resources are available to support the plan. To compound this, the Army is preparing to review all programs for downsizing/ elimination under the current fiscal constraints imposed by Congress. This has impacted all resourcing decisions until the Army can determine its bottom line.</p>
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