



Smooth Sailing or Rocky Road for Military Families in 2015

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“Happy New Year” could be short lived for the military community. In just a matter of weeks, the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission (MCRMC) will release its long awaited report detailing proposals to military pay, retirement, healthcare, the commissary system and more..

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FRA Launches 2015 Survey on Military, Veterans Benefits

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“As Congress explores ways to cut federal spending, many hard-earned benefits are in the budgetary crosshairs,” explains Tom Snee, FRA’s National Executive Director. FRA is asking all current and former military personnel and their spouses to share their opinions about the programs they value most.

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New Survey of Military Families Reveals Most Valued Programs and Services

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A new survey by the Military Family Advisory Network (MFAN) reveals that childcare, healthcare, employment assistance and commissaries are among the services that are most important to military families. About 41 percent of those who responded to the online study said base amenities, such as commissaries and childcare, are their most valued benefits. About 32 percent said healthcare was most important. Support from non-profits and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) services came in third and fourth with about 15 percent each.

What surprised researchers, however, was the way in which benefits are intertwined. Respondents made it clear that the use of one benefit was largely dependent on the use of another. Patrons who use the commissary, for example, are also likely to access the Exchange on the same trip, they said.

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