

# **BRAC** Base Realignment and Closure 2005

## Information for Service Members and Families

### Homeowner Assistance Program

Current law (title 42 United States Code, Section 3374), authorizes the Homeowners Assistance Program (HAP), administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This program allows for some monetary relief for eligible federal personnel -- both military and civilian -- faced with losses on the sale of their primary residence when there is an announcement of a base closing or realignment action and real estate values drop as a result of the base closing or realignment. The government may purchase the home by paying the existing mortgage off, or reimbursing an employee who sells their home for part of the losses. Payments are tax free to the employee. Eligible employees for HAP include military and civilian employees who are owner-occupants on the date of the announcement, or own property they occupied prior to a recent transfer, overseas assignment, or directed move to base quarters.

### Helpful Web Links

**[Anytime. Anywhere. Call Now! \(Military OneSource\)](#)**: Live consultants are available 24 hours a day/7 days a week to answer questions and provide assistance. Whether you're trying to find child care, checking up on the schools at your next installation or trying to cope with the everyday stressors of military life, Military OneSource can help. The service, available to all Service members and their families at no cost, will provide a customized response whatever your needs are. To reach a consultant any time, day or night, call 1-800-342-9647. ([www.MilitaryOneSource.com](http://www.MilitaryOneSource.com))

**[On the Home Front \(MilitaryHomeFront\)](#)**: MilitaryHOMEFRONT is the central, trusted, up-to-date source for Service members and families to obtain information about all Quality of Life programs and services. Whether you live the military lifestyle or support those who do, you'll find what you need! ...([www.MilitaryHomeFront.com](http://www.MilitaryHomeFront.com))

**[Jobs for You \(Military Spouse Career Center\)](#)**: Relocation can be difficult for spouses, who often find themselves forced to leave behind their jobs and careers. The Military Spouse Career Center was created to provide resources and support to help these spouses as they search for new employment. The website provides links to Spouse-Friendly employers, job search assistance, and advice on everything from education and scholarships to child care and

community information. The site is available on the web at [www.Military.com/Spouse](http://www.Military.com/Spouse)

**[The Perfect Community \(Military Communities of Excellence\)](#)**: Service members and families looking for information on the communities they might be relocating to might be interested in Expansion Management Magazine's "Military Communities of Excellence," a wide ranging study that included valuable information on various military communities.  
(<http://www.expansionmanagement.com/smo/articleviewer/default.asp?cmd=articledetail&articleid=16172&st=5>)

**[Hittin' the Books \(Military Student.Org\)](#)**: This site is designed to help mitigate the difficulties that transitioning military students might face at a new school. Included here are a Parents guide to helping their child during deployment and a companion guide for educators, as well as guidelines for caring for kids after trauma and death. ([www.MilitaryStudent.Org](http://www.MilitaryStudent.Org))

**[Kids Movin' \(Military Teens on the Move\)](#)**: Relocation can be especially difficult for kids and teens. With that in mind, DOD created this site (and it's sister site, Military Kids on the Move) to help provide advice, support and information for military teens. Here, dependent teens can find advice on moving, readjustment, making friends, and dealing with the host of stressors that accompany being a teen in a military family.  
[http://www.defenselink.mil/mtom/index\\_t.htm](http://www.defenselink.mil/mtom/index_t.htm)

**[Baby Talk \(ChildCareAware.org\)](#)**: This service, America's most trusted child care resource, provides links to military specific resources and programs through its website at [www.ChildCareAware.org](http://www.ChildCareAware.org)

**[State Know-How \(USA4MilitaryFamilies.org\)](#)**: In collaboration with States, nonprofits and industries, DoD wants to reduce statute barriers and enhance the ability of military families to transition to new locations. Information on this effort, and news on new benefits, programs and services being offered by states and local communities can be found at [www.USA4Militaryfamilies.org](http://www.USA4Militaryfamilies.org)