



RAP

Relocation Assistance Program



For additional information, contact your local
Relocation Assistance Program (RAP)
or visit

<http://www.usmc-mccs.org>

WHERE CAN I FIND THE RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (RAP)?

Relocation services and resources are provided at Marine and Family Services located on 18 Marine Corps locations worldwide.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR RAP SERVICE?

Relocation services are available to all Marines and family members.

The Relocation Assistance Program (RAP) is a mission essential program that supports Marines and their families during a Permanent Change of Station (PCS) move. It reduces the stress related to frequent relocations, which is an inherent part of the mobile military lifestyle. RAP services are structured to make the relocation process as smooth as possible. The RAP provides both pre-departure and pre-arrival services as outlined.

Relocation Assistance Program Services

PRE-DEPARTURE PCS MOVE WORKSHOPS

All relocating Marines are required to attend pre-departure PCS Move Workshop facilitated by the RAP as soon as possible after receiving notification of PCS relocation. The following topics are thoroughly covered at the workshop.

- Planned departure from current residence/housing
- Pay and Travel Entitlements during PCS
- Financial Planning for Relocation
- Moving your Personal Property and Household Goods
- Medical Concerns during relocation – accessing Tricare
- Obtaining Relocation information to next duty station MilitaryHOMEFRONT

INDIVIDUAL RELOCATION PLAN (IRP)

The key to your successful relocation is planning. The IRP provides general relocation guidance, as well as specific installation and community information. The IRP will also give you a timeline in which to accomplish actions and activities associated with your relocation. The IRP serves as plan to ensure essential events of a Marine's PCS move are identified and addressed in a timely manner. The IRP identified actions and activities associated with your relocation. See your installation RAP Manager for assistance with creating an IRP.

WELCOME ABOARD ORIENTATIONS

All newly assigned Marines to a Marine Corps installation are required to attend a Welcome Aboard Orientation conducted by installation staff members and the RAP specialist. This orientation is designed to give Marines and family members an overview of the services and programs available to them at the installation. It is designed to maximize settling in, and facilitate orientation to a new installation and location. The following topics and presentation are typically covered at the Welcome Aboard Orientation. Other topics are added as necessary.

- Welcome by installation commander/Sgt Major
- Installation & Local community history and culture
- Base Regulations
- Legal Assistance
- MCCA programs and services
- Base Education
- Marine and Family Services
- Installation Safety Program
- Single Marine Program
- Newly Arrived Spouse Orientation
- CG/CO Welcome
- Spouse Employment
- Child Care/Child Development Center
- New Parent Support Program
- Base Housing
- Base/Local Community Schools

NEW SPONSOR TRAINING

The RAP trains sponsors assigned to inbound Marines arriving at a new command. Sponsors in turn will provide incoming personnel and their families with necessary information to assist them during their move and settling into their new environment.

MILITARYHOMEFRONT

MilitaryHOMEFRONT is the Department of Defense website for official Military Community and Family Policy (MC&FP) program information, policy and guidance designed to help troops and their families, leaders, and service providers. Whether you live the military lifestyle or support those who do, you'll find what you need! You may access the MilitaryHOMEFRONT website at:
<http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/>.

LOAN/LENDING LOCKER

This service provides basic household goods items to assist those Marines and family members who are without their own household goods and are awaiting their personal property shipment to arrive.

WELCOME ABOARD PACKAGES

These packages contain valuable relocation information for inbound Marines. Maps that cannot be found electronically in MilitaryHOMEFRONT are included in the "hard" Welcome Aboard packages. Some commands send welcome aboard packages electronically.

HOME BUYING AND SELLING CLASSES

Learn the basics of Home Buying and Selling. Analyze local and national real estate market conditions to determine feasibility of home ownership.

