

2011 West Point Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) Conference

The annual West Point Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) conference was held 23-24 February 2011 at the West Point Club. 44 delegates representing the West Point community's demographic groups were divided into four workgroups: Force Support; Family Support; Installation and Youth. Workgroups reviewed 49 issues and prioritized 11 issues for adoption into the AFAP process.

Delegates briefed the following results to LTG David H. Huntoon, Jr., Superintendent United States Military Academy and other key West Point leaders at the conference's closing session on 24 February.

Top Conference Issues:

- **Non-Military Name Brand Casual Restaurant** – West Point does not have a non-military brand casual restaurant and the recommendation is to provide one.
- **Explanation of Basic Allowance for Housing** – Provide residents a detailed monthly statement that explains what BAH covers for each specific set of quarters and compares rent, utilities, and amenities to the fair market value in the local area.
- **Clarification of Home Based Business Regulation** – Amend the regulation to clarify definitions of relevant terms with respect to what is permitted and prohibited for on-post home-based businesses.
- **West Point Community Instructional and Competitive Swim Program** – Create and resource a year-round indoor instructional and competitive swim program inclusive of all ages and skill levels for members of the West Point Community at the Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center.
- **After Duty Hours and Weekend Childcare for FMWR Fitness Center Patrons** – Expand childcare services for FMWR Fitness Center patrons for after duty hours and weekends at Lee Child Development Center.
- **Adoption Reimbursement** – Adjust reimbursable qualifying expenses to meet rise in inflation.
- **Creditable Civil Service Career Tenure Requirements for Military Spouses** – Increase the 30 calendar day break to 120 days; 30 days prior and 90 days after PCS moves.
- **Accessible Patron Parking for Buildings 606, 705 and 900** – Provide permanent offsite parking for staff and faculty with simultaneous shuttle service during peak shift changes to Buildings 606, 705 and 900 thus increasing close proximity patron parking.
- **Skateboard Park on West Point** – Create a skateboard park on West Point.
- **Used Video Game Retailers** – Install a used games retailer at the PX complex and implement a service for the trading in and purchasing of used video games at the PX.
- **Stability for Junior Students in High School** – Modify Army Regulation 614-200 to extend stabilization to include a student's junior year.

Of these 11 issues, delegates identified the following as most important:

1. Creditable Civil Service Career Tenure Requirements for Military Spouses
2. West Point Community Instructional and Competitive Swim Program
3. Stability for Junior Students in High School
4. Accessible Parking for Buildings 606, 705 and 900
5. After Duty Hours and Weekend Childcare for FMWR Fitness Center Patrons

Delegates also voted on the top six active HQDA AFAP issues:

1. Issue 524 – Military Spouse Unemployment Compensation
2. Issue 596 – Convicted Sex Offender Registry OCONUS
3. Issue 614 – Comprehensive Behavioral Health Program for Children
4. Issue 621 – Minimum Disability Retirement Pay for Medically Retired Wounded Warriors
5. Issue 592 – Post-Secondary Visitation for OCONUS Students
6. Issue 662 – Comprehensive Standardized Structured Weight Control Program

The next West Point AFAP Steering Committee meeting will be held on May 11, 2011 at 1:30pm in the Jewish Chapel Conference Room.

The AFAP conference results are posted on the West Point AFAP website, www.westpointmwr.com/afap.htm.