

126th FSB offers money-managing tips

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In the upcoming months, Fort Bragg will have many units returning from service overseas. Soldiers will be busy adjusting to life after deployment.

The 126th Finance Battalion offers some helpful information on making this transition a smooth one. "Reconstitution Briefings" are offered to units returning from down range. The briefings cover some key areas of the Soldiers' pay.

Deployment Entitlements

The Soldier's deployment entitlements should be stopped when they leave the

area of operation. The unit needs to ensure that all Soldiers' entitlements have stopped. A list of Soldiers whose deployment pay hasn't stopped should be submitted to the home station finance office so no debt is incurred.

Stopped Entitlements

- Hostile fire pay
- Combat zone tax exclusion
- Hardship duty pay — location
- Family separation allowance
- Basic allowance for subsistence

TDY Voucher

Soldiers should fill out a travel voucher covering their whole deployment. This will incorporate travel

from home to overseas and back home, per diem of \$3.50 for every day in theater, and any allowable expenses such as storage of household goods and/or vehicle. Personnel orders must specify what will be reimbursed.

Allotments

Allotments will not stop automatically upon return. Special allotments for bills or loved ones should be stopped.

Other topics covered in the briefings include:

- How to withdraw from the savings deposit program
 - How to submit a travel voucher
 - Tax-free leave
 - Jump pay
- For more information, call 432-3609/396-2090.

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