



**DIRECTORATE OF
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MORALE, WELFARE AND RECREATION

FACTSHEET

Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) is a quality-of-life program that directly supports readiness by providing a variety of community, Soldier and Family support activities and services. MWR offers worldwide support through a comprehensive network of programs and services at each installation, including fitness and sports, entertainment, travel and leisure activities. The program's mission is to serve the needs, interests and responsibilities of all people in the Army community (Soldiers, Families, Civilian employees, military retirees and other eligible participants) for as long as they are associated with the service, no matter where they are located.

The range of MWR activities offered is based on the needs of authorized patrons who work and reside there. The U.S. Army Installation Management Command (IMCOM, G-9, Family and MWR) oversees Army MWR operations worldwide.

Here are some of the MWR programs that may be available at Army installations.

- ➔ **Armed Forces Recreation Centers** AFRCs are full-service resort hotels that provide quality, affordable, Family-oriented vacation recreation opportunities to service members, their Families and other authorized patrons (including official travelers).
- ➔ **Fitness and Sports Programs** Gymnasiums, fitness centers, pools and aquatics facilities provide activities to boost cardiovascular endurance, strength and flexibility.
- ➔ **Recreation and Leisure** Army Community Recreation provides mission-sustaining recreational programs at sites such as community centers, libraries and information services providers. Among the offerings are outdoor recreation programs, tours, travel and registration information, arts and crafts, automotive crafts, performing arts, food and entertainment programs, as well as golf and bowling.
- ➔ **Outdoor Recreation Programs and Services** Outdoor recreation programs include equipment checkout centers, marinas, stables, hunting and fishing, high-adventure activities, and recreational vehicle parks and storage lots.
- ➔ **Army Libraries** Army MWR libraries support a worldwide network of Soldiers and Families, veterans and DOD Civilians. General libraries have something for everyone—from story hours to book discussion groups, from internet access to word processing, from military training to investment tools, from the latest novel to how-to books and other reference works to online resources available 24/7. Librarians are available to assist you in finding quick answers or to point you to the best source.
- ➔ **Entertainment and Dining** Army Entertainment produces and delivers diverse musical and theater entertainment to Soldiers, Families, Civilians and retirees, at home and abroad. At most installations, Army MWR offers dining options such as places to grab a burger, pick up a pizza, get out of the house for a casual meal, have a beer and shoot some pool, or munch nachos while watching a favorite major-league team.
- ➔ **Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS)** The BOSS program focuses on the needs of active-duty single Soldiers, although all MWR patrons are welcome to participate. The program provides a place for Soldiers to address quality-of-life issues, to participate in recreation and leisure activities and to volunteer for community service projects and events.

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Additional Information

For more information, please visit the official MWR website maintained by U.S. Army Installation Management Command (IMCOM, G-9, Family and MWR):

<https://www.armymwr.com/>.

For additional information on locations of MWR facilities and programs at local Army installations, check the Resource Locator library on the MyArmyBenefits website:

<https://myarmybenefits.us.army.mil/Benefit-Library/Resource-Locator>.

Armed Forces Recreation Centers:

<https://www.armymwr.com/travel/armed-forces-hotels-resorts/>