

## LEMOORE

**Question:** If you are dual-mil and get divorced, there is no detailing rule to keep you near your kids like there is for married service members.

**Answer:** There are no laws or regulations that prioritize detailing military members to the same geographic area as a former military spouse who has physical custody of children between the formerly married military-military couple. This limitation is similar in nature to military members married to civilians as the Navy does not take into account spouse's career when detailing. Currently, only military to military couples have the colocation priority for assignment.

Military members are strongly encouraged to communicate issues/concerns with their rating detailer. The detailer will attempt to fill all billets using a Sailor's desired selections first, however, fleet readiness requirements will ultimately be the guiding factor in the Sailors assignment.

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**Question:** Are there any radiation effects seen from the Japanese Earthquake/Tsunami/Nuclear Meltdown?

**Answer:** Immediately following Operation Tomodachi, the Department of Defense established the tri-service Dose Assessment and Registry Working Group (DARWG) to study available data and develop estimates of radiation exposure received by U.S. personnel in and around the main island of Japan during Operation Tomodachi. The DARWG estimated radiation exposures for approximately 75,000 U.S. personnel on ships or at shore facilities on the main island of Japan during Operation Tomodachi.

The DARWG's report on radiation exposure received by Fleet-based individuals, which was peer reviewed by a non-governmental council of subject matter experts, determined that the highest whole body dose to any U.S. fleet-based personnel during Operation Tomodachi is much lower than levels of radiation exposure associated with the occurrence of short or long-term health effects. For perspective, the worst-case radiation exposure for any U.S. fleet-based personnel during Operation

Tomodachi is less than 25% of the average annual radiation exposure to a member of the U.S. public from natural sources of background radiation, such as the sun, rocks, and soil.

The DARWG's report on radiation exposure received by shore-based individuals, which was also peer reviewed by a non-governmental council of subject matter experts, determined that the highest whole body dose to any U.S. shore-based personnel during Operation Tomodachi is much lower than levels of radiation exposure associated with the occurrence of short or long-term health effects. For perspective, the worst-case radiation exposure for any U.S. shore-based personnel during Operation Tomodachi is less than half of the dose an average member of the U.S. population typically receives annually from natural background radiation sources, such as the sun, rocks, and soil, and less than three percent of the annual Federal limit for occupational radiation exposure.

Radiation exposure to U.S. personnel supporting Operation Tomodachi did not present any risks greater than risks normally accepted during everyday life.

The full DARWG report can be found at

<https://registry.csd.disa.mil/registryWeb/Registry/OperationTomodachi/DisplayAbout.do>

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**Question:** How do the conflict in the Middle East and the crisis in the Ukraine affect the rebalance to the Asia-Pacific?

**Answer:** The short answer: they don't. The more complete answer: The Department of Defense, and the whole of the U.S. Government, has planned, manned, trained, and equipped to protect the enduring security interests of this country - that means any threat, anywhere. We are focusing more resources, time, and attention on the Asia-Pacific than before. But we don't expect that the rest of the world will be free of problems while we do that. From where I sit, Pacific Fleet is postured to respond in the maritime domain to any contingency in the Indo-Asia-Pacific. And our Air Force, Army, Marine, and Coast Guard brethren are similarly ready. The DoD is ready here in the Pacific, in the Middle East, and from Africa to Latin America.

That said, the rebalance is not about today, tomorrow, or the short-term. It is a long-term initiative based on a long-term undertaking. The rebalance is a recognition by our U.S. Government that America's continued prosperity is inextricably linked to the prosperity of the Indo-Asia-Pacific region, and so we are committing more forces, more focus, and more attention to the region's security and stability. It is about sustaining the progress of the region and promoting a regional security architecture where everybody wins. The rebalance aims to strengthen treaty alliances and partnerships, increase partner capacity and cooperation, improve interoperability, and increase security capabilities in the region. To that last point, we continue to implement our plan to move 60% of Navy assets into the region by 2020. We are deploying Littoral Combat Ships to Singapore and Southeast Asia, and P-8 aircraft to the region. These platforms, and the others that will follow, are enhancing our forward presence in support of the Asia-Pacific Maritime Security Strategy.

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**Question:** Where are deployment lengths going?

**Answer:** The Optimized Fleet Response Plan (OFRP) has been implemented to better align maintenance and training to maximize employability and readiness for fleet units across the Navy. As part of the OFRP process, the Navy, based on guidance from the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO), plans deployments to not exceed seven months in duration to meet Combatant Commander (COCOM) requirements. The Navy has held fast to the CNO's guidance and will continue to plan and execute no longer than seven month deployments as OFRP progresses in implementation.

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**Question:** Will MWR and Base Services decline in the fiscal environment we find ourselves in?

**Answer:** No. To offset any appropriated fund shortfall, CNIC provides Non-Appropriated Fund (NAF) operational grants and the opportunity to apply for specific program grants to sustain market driven programs at levels of output tailored to meet the local demand. Both Fallon and Lemoore received substantial

recreation grants in FY15 to support live entertainment shows that attract families and Sailors. In FY16, installations have the flexibility to increase hours of operation in fitness centers, Liberty programs and Libraries to meet patron demand and are providing recreational and lap swimming and most group exercise classes free of charge. Additional investment is being made at Fallon and Lemoore in the following areas:

(a) Naval Air Station Lemoore is home to one of the newest and most innovative Fitness Complexes in the Navy today. Features include:

1. 64,000 square feet of luxurious facilities, including a 20,000 square foot gymnasium with two National Basketball Association (NBA) size basketball courts.
2. More than 18-20 Aerobic classes per week.
3. 775 lockers and 135 valet lockers.
4. Men's & women's saunas & steam rooms.
5. Three glass walled racquetball courts with viewing area.
6. 7,000 square foot aerobics area.
7. Most fitness classes meet Fitness Enhancement Program (FEP) requirements.
8. Spuds Pool features a bath/changing facility supporting recreational swimmers, a 150 ft. two flume water-slide dominates the facility, patio and sun deck area rounds out the many amenities. Private pool parties can be arranged during non-open hours on the pool deck or anytime at our large, modern picnic pavilions.

(b) The Lemoore Ops Fitness Center (the second facility) is also conveniently located and available for those whose work schedules keep them mainly on the Operations side of NAS Lemoore. While smaller than the Admin Gym/Fitness Center, it has an outstanding assortment of equipment for all workout needs. In 2009, a state-of-the-art synthetic turf Football/Soccer complex featuring a professional quality lighted football/soccer field and 400/440 meter running track was

installed at Lemoore. In 2015 Lemoore's regulation soft ball field was renovated with synthetic turf and now meets Amateur Softball Association (ASA) standards with a total project cost of \$1.9 million.

(c) The Fallon Galley Food Service Operation transitioned feeding the Ration In Kind (RIK) and Carrier Air Group (CAG) personnel from the galley/dining facility to the Silver State Dining Room on 1 April 2014, operated by MWR.

1. The restaurant accepts meal credits for RIK personnel at the Flight Line Café and the King Pin Pizzeria in addition to the Silver State Dining Room.

2. Three locations provide expanded hours for meal opportunities.

3. A Mobile Restaurant Vehicle (MRV) also provides meals to those who can't transit back to the dining areas from the flight operations line.

(d) Facility Projects Include:

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b. The Navy Gateways Inns and Suites (NGIS) Director's NASA/Air Force Cost Model (NAFCON) Panel just approved a \$2.99 million repair project for NGIS Bldg 474.

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**Question:** With the new F35 squadrons coming to Lemoore, will the Navy build new Housing?

**Answer:** No new construction is planned. There is capacity to absorb additional growth with the current Public-Private Venture

(PPV). The Navy will continue to monitor as the installation's population increases.

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**Question:** Lack of medical services on base, specifically OBGYN, Pediatric Care

**Answer:** The reduction in availability of specialty care at NH Lemoore occurred as a result of the September 2011 "Navy Hospitals in CONUS: Current State and Future Direction" report. This report recommended re-scoping and reallocating resources to achieve the best value and better serve patient populations based on an evaluation of nine CONUS Naval Hospitals, including NH Lemoore. In 2012, the Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED) completed further analysis to validate the report's findings and recommendations. The analysis looked at market factors and provided BUMED with a "road map" to maximize use of services, reduce costs, and improve training for military medical staff, known as the CONUS Small Hospital Optimization Initiative. This effort was designed to lead to changes that ensure the right mix of personnel and services to meet the medical needs of Sailors, Marines, family members, and retirees. The Surgeon General personally pre-briefed CNO, CMC and a few others who concurred with the proposed way forward. In parallel, RADM Faison as Commander, Navy Medicine West, pre-briefed all of the major Line Flag Officer stakeholders in the West AOR to include Commander, Naval Air Forces (for the impact to the aviation community) and Commander, Navy Region Southwest (for the CNIC/Base Support piece) and also received concurrence. Based on the additional analysis and findings, BUMED supported the report's recommendations based on analysis of usage and proximity of civilian care (There is a civilian hospital 9 miles from Lemoore which offers the required specialty care).