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More than 48,000 soldiers and families were scheduled for a permanent change-of-station move between March and August, but it's too early to tell how many will move. (U.S. ARMY/KAREN IWAMOTO)

Travel restrictions extended to June 30

The Pentagon has extended travel restrictions to protect the health of service members and their families as the Army and other services seek to build up installation safety and continue training during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The new stop-movement order, which went into effect Monday and is in place through June 30, includes procedures for additional waivers for several categories of travelers that were previously suspended, including deployments. The order will be reviewed every 15 days.

"We understand the impact this has on our service members and their families," said Matthew Donovan, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness. "However, this is a necessary measure to keep our people safe and our military ready."

Under the new order, the Army expects to slowly increase the number of soldiers allowed to move to their new

duty stations as the service puts in place measures to protect the force.

More than 48,000 soldiers and families were scheduled for a permanent change-of-station move between March and August, said Lt. Gen. Thomas Seamands, the deputy Army chief of staff for personnel, but it's too early to tell how many will move.

The Army moved "several hundred" soldiers in March on a case-by-case basis, and "the expectation is you'll see that number increase in April and May," Seamands said during a press briefing Tuesday.

The priority will be soldiers who were already in transit when the initial stop movement order was put in place in mid-March.

"What we wanted to do is get those people who are in limbo to move on to their next location," Seamands said.

The service also is accepting stabilization requests from soldiers who want to stay in place for an extra year

and allowing soldiers scheduled to retire or leave the service to elect to stay.

The Army continues to work with Transportation Command and is preparing to ask DoD for additional incentives for families who do a personally procured move, where families move themselves and are reimbursed by the Army, said Lt. Gen. Duane Gamble, the deputy Army chief of staff for logistics.

Incentives for families to move themselves—about 7,000 families did so last year—will ease demand and help families protect themselves by limiting contact with movers and moving companies, he said.

"We do know the surge period happens between May and September, and the peak of that summer surge revolves around the July 4th weekend," Gamble said. "With the stop-move ... our challenge is to move five months of people in three months."

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COVID-19 response*From Page 1***Installation safety**

The Army's installation commanders are focused on safety as they continue to respond to the COVID-19 crisis—a challenge that does not have a “one-size-fits-all solution,” a top general said.

“We’re dug in but continuing to fight,” said Lt. Gen. Doug Gabram, commanding general of Army Installation Management Command.

Installations in the U.S. and abroad have put several controls in place—such as telework, hands-free ID card checks, reduced access points, and reduced or suspended nonessential services—to protect personnel and families.

“We’re treating this as a combat operation in IMCOM,” Gabram said, adding that the “conditions-based” measures vary by location.

Since April 5, all personnel, family members and other individuals on an installation are required to wear cloth face coverings or masks when they can’t maintain 6 feet of space from others in public areas or work centers, according to a Defense Department memo.

Senior leaders are thinking about how and when to return to “business as usual”—and they’re aware of the risks of doing it too soon, Gabram said.

“I believe this is going to be a conditions-based road to recovery,” he said. “The situation is changing daily.”



Soldiers demonstrate the process potential patients will take when entering the Fort Bragg, North Carolina, drive-thru testing site. (U.S. ARMY/TWANA ATKINSON)

Recruits ship to basic training

The Army resumed shipping new recruits to basic training Monday following a two-week pause to ensure protocols are in place to minimize the risk of COVID-19 infections.

Recruits from areas considered low risk will be able to ship, while those in high-risk areas will be rescheduled.

Before their scheduled ship dates and upon arrival at their training centers, future soldiers will be screened for symptoms of the virus by recruiters and Military Entrance Processing Station personnel.

“We owe that kind of due diligence and commitment to the soldiers and the parents who send those same soldiers to us each year,” Gen. Paul Funk, commander of Army Training and Doctrine Command, said Tuesday.

A large portion of the classroom-based training will be conducted during the first 14 days of the ten-week basic training course, during which time recruits will be closely monitored with daily health assessments.

More former soldiers volunteer

The Army is starting to put to work retired soldiers who volunteered to return to duty to help with the service's COVID-19 response.

More than 27,000 retirees responded when the Army released a message on March 25 seeking volunteers. In particular, the Army was looking for retired soldiers who had served in medical specialties.

About 6,000 of the volunteers served in medical specialties, Seamands said.

Of those, the Army has whittled down the group to about 400, and officials are vetting each one for possible service, said Maj. Gen. Joseph Calloway, commander of Army Human Resources Command.

As of Tuesday, about 15 volunteers were on orders, while another 10 had been approved and were awaiting their official paperwork.

The former soldiers are being called initially for 179-day tours, and they're being placed by the Army surgeon general's office, which can best determine where they're needed, Calloway said.

For more information, visit the Army HRC website here.

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Jeremiah Rozman has been with AUSA for 20 months and previously served in the Israel Defense Forces. In his spare time, he enjoys all types of fitness, outdoor sports, hiking, camping and fishing. On April 17, he successfully defended his doctoral dissertation on conflict resolution between countries and non-state militants.



Vietnam War hero, Medal of Honor recipient dies from COVID-19 virus



Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Bennie Adkins receives the Medal of Honor from President Barack Obama in 2014. (U.S. ARMY/STAFF SGT. BERNARDO FULLER)

Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Bennie Adkins, a recipient of the Medal of Honor for heroism during the Vietnam War, died at age 86 following respiratory failure from the COVID-19 virus.

"We are deeply saddened to notify you that after a courageous battle with COVID-19, Command Sergeant Major Bennie G. Adkins departed this life today, with beloved family at his bedside," an April 17 statement from the Bennie Adkins Foundation said.

Adkins, from Waurika, Oklahoma, was drafted into the Army in 1956 and served more than 20 years.

In spring 1966, during his second of three deployments to Vietnam, Adkins and his teammates in the 5th Special Forces Group fought off an attack from a much larger enemy force.

Adkins is credited with helping save his fellow soldiers' lives despite being wounded several times.

He was later awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his actions, and in 2014, President Barack Obama awarded Adkins the Medal of Honor.

According to his Medal of Honor citation, when their camp was attacked by a large North Vietnamese and Viet Cong force in the early morning hours, Adkins rushed through intense enemy fire and manned a mortar position for the camp, despite incurring wounds as

the mortar pit received several direct hits from enemy mortars.

"During the thirty-eight hour battle and forty-eight hours of escape and evasion, fighting with mortars, machine guns, recoilless rifles, small arms, and hand grenades, it was estimated that Sergeant First Class Adkins killed between 135 and 175 of the enemy while sustaining eighteen different wounds to his body," the citation reads.

"Sergeant First Class Adkins' extraordinary heroism and selflessness above and beyond the call of duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, Detachment A-102, 5th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces and the United States Army."

Adkins retired in 1978 and went on to earn a bachelor's degree and two master's degrees from Troy University.

In 2017, he established the Bennie Adkins Foundation, with the mission "to reward deserving soldiers who have demonstrated the courage, sacrifice, and patriotism inherent in the Special Forces, and aid them as they continue trying to improve themselves through education."

He is survived by his daughter, two sons and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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National Army museum delays long-awaited opening

The National Museum of the United States Army is delaying its opening day because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The museum at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, was scheduled to open June 4 as part of a buildup of events leading to the Army's 245th birthday on June 14.

A new opening date has not been announced.

"Although disappointing, postponing the opening of the museum is a proactive and appropriate decision," said Tammy Call, the museum's director, in a statement April 16.

The museum, which has been in the works for years, tells the Army's story from its founding in 1775 to today.

The 185,000-square-foot building sits on more than 80 acres of publicly accessible land at Fort Belvoir, and more than 700,000 visitors are expected to visit each year.



The museum, which has been in the works for years, tells the Army's story from its founding in 1775 to today. (NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY PHOTO)

The museum is a joint effort between the Army, which owns and manages it, and the Army Historical Foundation, which led a \$200 million privately funded campaign to build the museum.

The Association of the U.S. Army is the single-largest museum donor, contributing \$42.5 million to the project.

A third of AUSA's chapters have also donated money.

"We look forward to welcoming visitors when we can again gather together and celebrate our shared history," Call said.

For more information on the museum, click [here](#).

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Resources for families during the coronavirus pandemic

By Patty Barron

At no time in history has the phrase “we’re all in this together” been truer.

As the worldwide pandemic experience continues, we find information, education and solace from our connections to colleagues, family and friends.

The military community is no different. As a matter of fact, we excel at it.

Here are the Association of the U.S. Army’s go-to resources.

AUSA COVID-19 resource page. AUSA has made it easy for you to find the most current information about COVID-19 from Department of Defense and Army offices. This page is updated daily and makes it easy to find pertinent information in one location.

Military One Source. DoD is working closely with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Department of State to provide support in dealing with the coronavirus outbreak. Find up-to-date information here.

Military Health System. The Military Health System created this all-inclusive COVID-19 information center, which is updated regularly.

Family Readiness

DoD is following guidance from the White House and coordinating with interagency partners to provide a comprehensive, government-approved list of resources.

Army Public Health Center. This website provides Army-specific information and communication resources related to the novel coronavirus. The resources and tools available on this site may be shared with, tailored for, and/or used to create informational and educational materials for Army beneficiaries.

Military Families for High Standards. Military Families for High Standards is a core group of diverse former and current military spouses, whose experience and ex-



A family shows their support for the Easter Bunny Tour at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Soldiers from across Fort Bragg worked together to raise morale with a community-wide Easter holiday event. (U.S. ARMY/SPC. MADALENE HASHAGEN)

pertise are invaluable in the effort to combat the educational challenges faced by military-connected students. Find important updates regarding military children’s education here.

Families Tackling Tough Times Together. As people face the daily challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, Purdue University’s College of Health and Human Sciences is providing a set of resources for families of all ages and generations.

“Families Tackling Tough Times Together” is a 10-week initiative that provides materials on family and child resilience. AUSA will be sharing clips from interviews with families to gain insights from them.

Military Support Initiative. The Association of Defense Communities, Blue Star Families, AUSA and other participants of the White Oak Collaborative have joined forces to create a national platform for sharing information, maintaining engagement, and developing best practices and policy approaches to ensure our military receives the support it deserves.

The COVID-19 Military Support Initiative provides resources and expertise to support communities, states and military families through this crisis.

Sesame Street: Caring for Each Other. Your friends on Sesame Street are here to support you during the COVID-19 health crisis, as families everywhere are creating a “for now normal.”

The Caring for Each Other site is filled with content you can use all day long to spark playful learning, offer children comfort, and focus a bit on yourself, too.

After all, it’s important that we take care of ourselves, so that we can best care for our families.

Zero to Three. ZTT resources offer tips for families including age-appropriate responses to common questions, a guide to self-care, and activities for very young children experiencing social distancing.

Child Care Aware of America. CCAoA is committed to providing news and the latest information to help families as we closely monitor the situation around the COVID-19 outbreak and its impact on childcare accessibility and safety.

This resource and frequently asked questions page is invaluable for families seeking childcare assistance.

Patty Barron is AUSA’s Family Readiness Director.

Chapters donate masks, supplies to quarantined soldiers

The Association of the U.S. Army's Korea and Hawaii chapters are working hard to support service members in their local communities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

On April 10, the Korea chapter donated 10,000 face masks to the Camp Humphreys Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation office, with 1,000 of those going to soldiers and civilians operating the Korea Armed Forces Network.

Another 5,000 masks were sent to nearby Osan Air Base.

The mask donations were the results of work by the chapter vice president, retired Republic of Korea Army Lt. Gen. Chun In-Bum, who coordinated the effort with Mayor Jung Jang-Seon of Pyeongtaek, South Korea.

Also on April 10, two of the chapter's Community Partners, Cygnus Hotel and Asan Stay Hotel, provided about 300 toiletry packs for soldiers and civilians in quarantine.

Additionally, the chapter was able to support 200 Easter meals for those in quarantine.

Prior to that, on April 3, the chapter's Community Partner KCM provided more than 2,000 packs of Cup Ramen Noodles and Choco Pie snack cakes to quarantined personnel.



AUSA members and Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation staff pose with masks donated to Camp Humphreys and Osan Air Base. From left: Jim Rose, FMWR; Allan Banks, AUSA; Heather Ray, FMWR; Mitze Jewitt, FMWR; and Hyesun Cha, AUSA. (AUSA PHOTO)

"We hope to continue to provide more support to our community as we help curb this pandemic," said Allan Banks, the chapter president.

The Hawaii chapter, through the leadership of AUSA's Pacific Region president, retired Col. Benjamin Lukefahr, became aware of the return of more than 1,000 soldiers from overseas after the 2020 Pacific Pathways exercise.

Due to the pandemic and local stay-at-home orders, all returning soldiers will be isolated and confined to their

barracks or housing for 14 days.

Understanding the hardship this isolation will impose, chapter members wanted to provide what assistance they could, said chapter president Paul L'Ecuyer.

"The military nonprofit community in Hawaii is very close-knit, and in hearing our local USO was preparing care packages, our chapter reached out to the USO to see if we could partner up on the effort," L'Ecuyer said.

The USO had the labor and purchased supplies, and AUSA's Hawaii chapter provided additional monetary support for the purchase of basic essentials for the sequestered soldiers.

On April 13, the USO delivered more than 1,000 care packages with snacks, toiletries and assorted items to the barracks and provided recognition to the Hawaii chapter for its donations and support to Schofield Barracks.

"This is the least we can do for incoming soldiers directed into 14 days of Restriction of Movement orders in Hawaii," Lukefahr said.



With help from AUSA's Hawaii chapter, the USO delivered more than 1,000 care packages with snacks, toiletries and assorted items to soldiers in quarantine. (USO PHOTO)



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