

# ★ ARMY FAMILY ACTION PLAN ★



## AFAP HISTORY & SUCCESS

Provides the Army a "voice" in shaping their standards of living and identifying issues related to the current operation environment.

### PROVEN RESULTS:

- 692 issues: 14 active; 520 completed; 128 unattainable; 5 combined
- 90% of AFAP issues are worked at local level
- 61% of the active HQDA AFAP issues impact all Services
- 128 legislative changes; 184 policy changes; 208 improved programs/services
- Leaders trust and support AFAP's proven track record of providing real-time information that enables Commanders and Senior Leaders to respond rapidly to resolve problems, implement good ideas and guide policy formation.

- 1983** Hosted First Army-wide AFAP Conference
- 1984** Established Minimum Standards for Army Child Care (*Issue 25*)
- 1986** Established Installation Tax Centers (*Issue 98*)  
Developed Concept for Family Readiness Groups (*Issue 49*)
- 1988** Pre and Post Retirement Assistance (*Issue 134*)
- 1991** Increased SGLI (*Issue 271*)
- 1992** Reserve Component Retirement Orientation Program (*Issue 156*)
- 1993** Developed Army Family Team Building (*Issue 190*)
- 1994** Expand Temporary Lodging Expense (*Issue 150*)  
Burial in National Cemeteries for Retirement-Eligible Reservists (*Issue 138*)
- 1996** Guaranteed Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for Retirees (*Issue 323*)
- 1997** Developed First Policy for the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) Program (*Issue 417*)  
Transitional Compensation for Victims of Abuse (*Issue 73*)
- 1998** Authorized Dental Insurance Plan for Retirees and Selected Reservists (*Issue 386*)
- 2001** Funded Student Travel (OCONUS) Extended to Age 23 (*Issue 84*)  
Chiropractic Services for Military Personnel (*Issue 468*)
- 2002** Established Military Thrift Savings Plan (*Issue 434*)  
TRICARE for Life for Medicare Eligible Retirees (*Issue 402*)  
Concurrent Receipt of Military Retirement Pay and Veterans Affairs Disability Pay (*Issue 495*)  
Dislocation Allowance and Temporary Lodging Expense for First PCS Move (*Issues 400 & 363*)
- 2003** Established School Liaison Officers (*Issue 453*)
- 2004** Reformed Military Pay Table with Targeted Pay Raises (*Issue 461*)
- 2005** Phase-in of Full 55% Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) Benefit for Surviving Spouses (*Issue 554*)  
Lodging and Subsistence for Family Members of Hospitalized Service Members (*Issue 549*)
- 2006** Authorized Dental and Vision Insurance Coverage for Federal Employees (*Issue 539*)  
Extended Educational Benefits for Surviving Spouses (*Issue 542*)
- 2007** Funded Family readiness Support Assistants (FRSAs) to Battalion Level (*Issue 543*)
- 2008** Increased Military Annual Leave Carryover from 60 to 75 Days (*Issue 575*)  
Expanded Exceptional Family Member Program Respite Care (*Issue 501*)
- 2009** Tax Credit for Employers of RC Soldiers on Extended Active Duty (*Issue 486*)  
Developed Concept for the Yellow Ribbon Program (*Issue 527*)
- 2010** Military Spouse Preference for PCSing Spouses, Spouses of 100% Disabled Soldiers, or Surviving Spouses (*Issue 38*)  
Full Replacement Costs for Household Goods Shipments (*Issue 482*)  
Distribution of Montgomery GI Bill Benefits to Dependents (*Issue 497*)
- 2011** Traumatic Brain Injury Rehabilitation Program at Military Medical Centers of Excellence (*Issue 610*)  
Established a Department of the Army Civilian Voluntary Leave Bank Program (*Issue 615*)  
Federal Hiring Process for Wounded Warriors (*Issue 617*)
- 2012** Authorizes Traumatic Service Members Group Life Insurance Annual Supplement (*Issue 611*)  
Full Time Medical Case Managers for Reserve Component Soldiers (*Issue 666*)
- 2013** Reserve Component (RC) Inactive Duty for Training (IDT) Travel and Transportation Allowances (*Issue 657*)  
Gold Star Identification Card for Gold Star Lapel Button Recipients (*Issue 680*)  
Shortages of Medical Providers in Military Treatment Facilities (*Issues 644 & 648*)