

Military Pay, Child Support and Alimony Payments, and Division of Military Pensions

<http://www.dod.mil/dfas/money/garnish/>

Garnishment Operations. There are a lot of links on this site.

There are multiple links for child support issues.

- Fact Sheet on child support
- FAQ's
- Reservists who have been mobilized and enforcement of child support orders
- Medical support from military personnel
- How to get child support from a retiree directly deposited into the custodial parent's bank account

There are multiple links for Uniform Services Former Spouse Protection Act issues:

- Fact sheet
- Attorney instructions for proper language in divorce, annulment and legal separation decrees
- FAQ's
- DoD forms to obtain pension amounts directly from the military and for direct deposit to former spouse's bank account

<http://www.dod.mil/dfas/money/garnish/newsbullet.htm>

Fact sheet which explains how waiving a portion of the military retirement in order to receive VA disability benefits is changing. In many states, when a spouse is awarded a percentage of the military pension, this award is later defeated by converting the military retirement to VA disability retirement. The fact sheet talks about changes in the law and a "phased in" program which will permit a retiree to receive BOTH the military pension and a VA disability retirement.

<http://www.dod.mil/prhome/mppcrsc.html>

Fact sheet which describes retirees who have waived a portion of their military retirement to receive VA disability—who are receiving pay for a combat related disability. New laws increase the total income and will have a positive affect on a spouse who has received a portion of the military retirement as part of a property settlement.

<http://www.dod.mil/dfas/money/milpay/>

Questions on military pay. You can link to current pay charts or previous years' pay charts. Also has links on tax information for military families

<https://secureapp2.hqda.pentagon.mil/perdiem/bah.html>

A interactive website to calculate the Basic Allowance for Housing if you know the servicemember's rank and zip code.

<http://www.tricare.osd.mil/>

The military medical insurance used when military facilities are not used. This website contains nationwide information on the system.

<http://www.abanet.org/family/military/scrajudgesguidecklist.pdf>

Primer on the Servicemember's Civil Relief Act. Intended as a benchbook for judges.

<http://www.abanet.org/family/military/MilitaryFamilyLawIssues.pdf>

An excellent short course in military family law issues. This came from a seminar held in September 2005—so the materials are very current.