

## First Sergeant's Barracks Program 2020 (FSBP 2020) FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **What is First Sergeant's Barracks Program 2020?**

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Is a holistic unaccompanied housing services strategy

Relies on a partnership between units and garrisons

Maintains existing services provided to unaccompanied Soldiers

Returns property management to units

Retains centralized management at BDE level

Units will:

Provide property management

Ensure good order & discipline

Garrisons will:

Provide facility management

Provide housing program management

#### **What's not changing?**

Army's commitment to providing quality barracks

Focus on reducing Certificates of non-Availability (CNA)

Unit integrity managed at brigade level. Maintain at battalion level whenever possible

Critical role of unit leadership

Assignment standards:

E5 & below

Geographical bachelors – by exception

### **Unaccompanied Housing (UH)**

#### **How do I submit an Exception to Policy (ETP)?**

Prepare ETP in basic Army memorandum format IAW AR 25-50. Your request will be submitted in writing through your Chain of Command (company, battalion, and brigade commanders or first O6/COL in Chain of Command must add a memorandum with recommendation and any comments. Initial memo must be signed by the Soldier's Company/Battery/Troop Commander. Supporting documents must be enclosed. Include any medical, financial, lease, ownership documents, deed, financial documents, divorce decrees, legal separation, or any information. Do not enter into any type of lease or ownership until your ETP has been approved for issuance of a Certificate of Non-availability (CNA).

**Is a Soldier married to a Soldier considered a geographical bachelor?**

No, a Soldier who has a military spouse and no dependents who is not located with the service member is considered a bonafide bachelor. Since both are Soldiers, neither can be a dependent of the other Soldier.

**Can a Soldier married to a Soldier reside off post?**

Soldier married to Soldier in the rank of PVT-SGT may reside off post if both Soldiers are stationed at the same installation. Unaccompanied Soldiers married to Soldiers on separate tours will be assigned to permanent party housing on the same basis as unmarried personnel.

Soldiers stationed at Fort Irwin married to a Soldier stationed elsewhere may be issued a CNA within 60 days before spouse's arrival and reside off-post. It is important to note that when a Soldier married to another Soldier without family members resides off post and one of the Soldiers departs on a separate tour, the other Soldier will not be required to move into the barracks.

Single Soldiers in the ranks of SSG and above are authorized to reside off-post without a CNA as there are no SBEQs/BOQs at Fort Irwin and there is no mandatory assignment to SBEQ's/BOQs as there are for Barracks.

**If I am a Single Soldier in the rank of PVT-SGT and own my home in the vicinity of Fort Irwin, can I draw BAH and reside off post?**

There are instances where this is possible. When a Soldier has purchased a home near the installation prior to notification of assignment to that installation the Soldier is allowed to occupy that home and draw BAH without dependent rate. Another is when a Soldier has been awarded the home out of a divorce settlement which was purchased during the marriage (this requires an ETP for approval). A CNA issued by the UPH (PP) Office is required in both cases to authorize BAH without dependent. Before making any arrangements off-post, you should report to the UPH (PP) Office and if you meet criteria a CNA will be issued.

**My Commander authorized me to reside off-post, can I go ahead and move?**

You cannot move off-post and enter into a lease until you have been approved to receive a CNA by the Garrison Commander through the Fort Irwin UPH Management Team office. A CNA is required by finance to begin BAH w/o dependent for PVT – SGT. Soldiers who move off post with having first obtained approval for issue of a CNA will be considered as residing off-post for their own convenience and will not receive BAH at the w/o dependent rate.

**When can a single pregnant Soldier move off-post?**

A single pregnant Soldier can move off-post and receive BAH w/o dependent when they reach 28 weeks in the pregnancy. Upon birth of the child, the Soldier will be required to change BAH to the with dependent rate. Should a live birth not occur or the child is given up for adoption, Soldier will be required to move back into the barracks. In this event, approval of an ETP to continue off-post residency through the term of the then current lease is possible.

**How much space a single Soldier authorized?**

Soldiers in the rank of PVT-CPL are authorized a minimum of 90 SF of net living area. Soldiers having the rank of SGT are authorized 135 SF of net living area, private room, and a bath shared with no more than one other. SF of living space is determined on the construction criteria of the barracks they reside. If it is an older barracks when 90 SF was the criteria, they are authorized the minimum, 90 SF. If they reside in newer constructed barracks, they have more SF of living space.

**Does having household goods (HHG) which would not fit into the barracks qualify a Soldier to reside off post?**

No. You may contact the Transportation Division, Outbound Section directly.

**I had a CNA at my previous duty station; does that qualify me for a CNA at my new duty station?**

No, CNAs are issued based on barracks space availability and Soldier requirements for housing. Currently storage of household goods will be at the Soldier expense.

**Who can I contact for information about my living quarters?**

The UPH Management Team (UPHMT)

Location: Building 604, 5<sup>th</sup> Street Fort Irwin, Ca, 92310

[Click here and select your installation for floor plans and barracks pictures](#)

UPH Branch Chief	760-380-2776
UPH Management Specialist	760-380-3548
UPH Customer Service Admin	760-380-7789
UPH IN/OUT Processing office	760-380-9374
UPH A/T Inspector	760-380-9374
UPH One stop Service Order Desk	760-380-9372
UPH Inspectors	760-380-9370

**All new Soldiers should know and read about the Service Members Relief Act**

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/about/hudvet/library/scra.cfm>