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DoDDS	<a href="#">Department of Defense Dependent Schools Korea (DoDDS-K)</a>	Priority I	N/A (family is not in Korea)	Priority III	Category 1 Space required, tuition free. Category 2 Space available, tuition paying. Category 3 Space available, tuition free. Category 4 Space Available, tuition paying.
Finance	<a href="#">Assignment Incentive Pay (AIP)</a>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Army/Air Force - \$300/month for the extending years.
Finance	<a href="#">Basic Allowance For Housing (BAH)</a>	No	Yes, if family resides in States	No, if family is in Korea	BAH is an amount of money authorized defray the housing cost incurred by a member when housing is maintained in CONUS by the dependents while the member serves an unaccompanied tour.
Finance	<a href="#">Cost of Living Allowance (COLA)</a>	Yes	COLA w/o Dep Rate	COLA w/o Dep Rate	COLA is based on duty location, rank, time in service and number of dependents.
Finance	<a href="#">Dislocation Allowance (DLA)</a>	Yes	Yes	No	DLA is to partially reimburse a member for the expenses incurred in relocating the member's household while on a PCS move.
Finance	<a href="#">Family Separation Allowance (FSA)</a>	No	Yes	No	An amount of money authorized to Service members to compensate for added expenses incurred due to enforced separation from the family members.
Finance	<a href="#">Family Separation Housing (FSH)</a>	No	Yes, if family resides in States	No, family is in Korea	The Family Separation Housing (FSH) allowance is payable to a member-with-dependents for added housing expenses resulting from separation from the dependents when a member is assigned to a CONUS location when dependent travel is delayed or restricted.
Finance	<a href="#">Overseas Housing Allowances (OHA)</a>	Yes, w/Deps Rate	Yes, w/o Dep Rate	Yes, w/Deps rate	OHA is an amount of money authorized to assist a member in defraying the housing cost incurred by Service members assigned to a Permanent Duty Station (PDS) outside the U.S. (OCONUS).
Finance	<a href="#">Temporary Lodging Allowance (TLA)</a>	Yes	Yes=SM FM=No	No	An amount of money designed to partially reimburse a member for the more than normal expenses incurred when the member and/or dependents are required to occupy temporary lodgings prior to moving into permanent quarters while OCONUS.
Installation Support	<a href="#">Army - Child, Youth, &amp; School Services</a>	Yes	N/A, family not in Korea	Space A for NCS families	First priority will be given to active duty military and DoD civilian personnel who are either single or dual working parents working outside their home or a single full-time student.
Installation Support	<a href="#">Air Force – Child Development Center</a>	Yes	N/A, family not in Korea	Space A for NCS families	First priority will be given to active duty military and DoD civilian personnel who are either single or dual working parents working outside their home or a single full-time student. The Osan Child Development Center provides full-time contracted child care and 'Space Available' hourly care for children six weeks to five years of age. The Child Development Center (CDC) and Part- Day Preschool (PDPS) Program are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.
Installation Support	<a href="#">College Education</a>	Yes	SM=Yes FM=N/A	SM=Yes, FM=Space A	All classes are subject to space availability in the class room.

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Installation Support	<a href="#">Commissary</a>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Commissaries will serve anyone with a valid Ration Control Card when in Korea.
Installation Support	<a href="#">Defense Biometric Identification System</a>	Yes	SM only	Yes, whole family must register	USFK policy is that all children, regardless of age, are to be registered in DBIDS to ensure proper family purchase limits.
Installation Support	<a href="#">Army - Family Member Employment</a>	FM must have A-3 Visa	N/A (family is not in Korea)	FM must have A-3 Visa	Non-command families are not eligible to work without a A-3 visa or they must obtain a work permit to live and work in South Korea.
Installation Support	<a href="#">Air Force – Human Resource Office</a>	FM must have A-3 Visa	N/A (family is not in Korea)	FM must have A-3 Visa	Non-command families are not eligible to work without a A-3 visa or they must obtain a work permit to live and work in South Korea.
Installation Support	<a href="#">Army - Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Programs</a>	Yes	Yes	Yes	If you are a US ID holder, you are authorized FMWR services. It is not based on whether you are Command or Non-Command sponsored.
Installation Support	<a href="#">Air Force - Airman and Family Readiness Center</a>	Yes	Yes	Yes	If you are a US ID holder, you are authorized Readiness Center services. It is not based on whether you are Command or Non-Command sponsored. The Airman & Family Readiness Center (A&FRC) is the service organization and focal point for Air Force airmen and family matters.
Installation Support	Government Furniture	Yes, for the whole family	Yes, but only for the SM	Yes, but only for the SM	Non-command sponsored families may only receive items for the service member if a Certificate of Non-Availability is issued by the Local Housing Office, not the whole family.
Installation Support	<a href="#">Army - Housing on Post</a>	Yes	Yes for SM only in BOQ/BEQ or barracks	No	On-post housing is not authorized for non-command sponsored dependents nor are any addition furnishings beyond what the service member is authorized (no exceptions are authorized to this housing policy).
Installation Support	<a href="#">Air Force – House on Base</a>	Yes	Yes for SM only in BOQ/BEQ or barracks	No	On-base housing is not authorized for non-command sponsored dependents nor are any addition furnishings beyond what the service member is authorized (no exceptions are authorized to this housing policy).
Installation Support	Post/Base Exchange	Yes	Yes	Yes	The PX/BX will service anyone with a valid Ration Control Card when in Korea.
Installation Support	Transportation Agreement	Yes	SM only	SM only	With CSP Approval, concurrent travel is authorized and the Government is obligated to all transportation costs of family members. For NCS families, the Government is only obligated to move the SM at the unaccompanied rate.
Medical	<a href="#">Dental Services</a>	SM=Yes FM=Space A	SM=Yes FM= in the U.S.	SM=Yes, FM=Space A	All command sponsored and non-command sponsored families are authorized to use BASIC Dental Services all others will be referred to host nation providers off post.
Medical	<a href="#">Medical Services - TRICARE</a>	<b>TRICARE Prime</b>	<a href="#">TRICARE Prime</a>	<b>SM=TRICARE Prime</b> <b>FM =TRICARE Standard</b>	<b>TRICARE Prime:</b> Most care provided by a Primary Care Manager at a military treatment facility, referrals required for specialty care. <b>TRICARE Standard:</b> Annual deductible required. Pay a percentage of total cost (cost share), no referral required. Care at military treatment facilities is on a space-available basis only.

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Medical	<a href="#">Army - Veterinarian Services</a>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Veterinary care is authorized for pet owners possessing a valid DOD military identification card. Veterinary services are the same for personnel living off the installation as for those living on the installation. It is required that you register any pets with the 106th Medical Detachment (Veterinary Support Service) within 10 days of purchase or 10 days of arrival. All pets must be current on Rabies Vaccination and must have a microchip per USFK policy.
Medical	<a href="#">Air Force - Veterinarian Services</a>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Veterinary care is authorized for pet owners possessing a valid DOD military identification card. Veterinary services are the same for personnel living off the installation as for those living on the installation. It is required that you register any pets with the Osan Veterinary Treatment Facility (VTF) located in building 766 within 10 days of purchase or 10 days of arrival at Osan. All pets must be current on Rabies Vaccination and must have a microchip per USFK policy.
Medical	<a href="#">Women Infant and Children Program (WIC) Overseas</a>	Yes, WIC Overseas Program	Yes - WIC Program in the states	Yes, WIC Overseas Program	The WIC Overseas Program is available to eligible participants living overseas, including DoD Civilians/Contractors, Family Members, and service members.
PMO	<a href="#">POV Licensing and Registration</a>	Yes	E7 and Above (Yes) - E6 and below must request exception to policy	E7 and Above (Yes) - E6 and below must request exception to policy	All command-sponsored Service and family members are authorized to obtain a USFK driver's license. Non-Command Sponsored dependents whose sponsor is E7 and above are permitted to obtain a USFK driver's license. For E6 and below, Non-Command Sponsored dependents require an exception to policy to obtain a USFK driver's license.
SJA	<a href="#">Legal Services</a>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Legal services are available to all SM and their families on a first-come, first serve basis.
SJA	<a href="#">Passport</a>	SM = No, FM = Yes	SM = No, FM = No	SM = No FM = Yes	All command-sponsored family members are required to possess a no-fee passport while stationed in Korea. Non-command sponsored family members are not entitled to a no-fee passport (tourist passport required).
SJA	<a href="#">Visa</a>	SM = No, FM = Yes	SM = No, FM=No	SM = No FM = Yes	Except for Korean Nationals who have no need for a visa, all dependents of active duty military who are residing in Korea must have a valid visa in their passport. Dependents who have an A-3 Visa must also apply for a SOFA Stamp.
SOFA	<a href="#">SOFA Status</a>	Yes	SM=Yes FM=No (in the states)	Yes	SOFA Status is not related to Command Sponsorship.
USFK J1	Tour Length	> 24 months	> 12 months	> 12 months	With CSP Approval, accompanied tour length can be 24 or 36 months. NCS SMs have a minimum of 12 months tour, but can extend up to 3 years total tour length if approved by their service component.
USFK J1	Emergency Leave	Yes	NA	No	Only CS family members and their sponsor will be obligated by the government for transportation back to the states for Emergency Leave situations. NCS family members are not eligible for government funded travel.
USFK J1	<a href="#">Ration Control Card</a>	SM = No, FM = Yes	SM=No FM=No	SM = No, FM = Yes	Family members receive ration control cards once placed in DBIDS and attend Newcomers Orientation for their community.

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USFK J3	<a href="#">Noncombatant Operations</a>	Yes	N/A, family is already in the states	Yes	All Command Sponsored Families must participate in annual Noncombatant Operations exercises in Korea and can be ordered to evacuate in times of war or hostilities. Non-command sponsored families are authorized assistance and are also required to participate in Noncombatant Operations exercises in Korea.
USFK J4	<a href="#">Patriot Express Space A Travel</a>	Yes, See Remarks	Yes, See Remarks	Yes, See Remarks. Generally, NCS families are in Cat V.	<p><b>Category I:</b> Emergency Travel</p> <p><b>Category II:</b> Sponsors on Environmental Morale Leave (EML) and their dependents.</p> <p><b>Category III:</b> Members of the uniformed services in a leave or pass status</p> <p><b>Category IV:</b> Command sponsored dependents (18 years or older) flying unaccompanied on EML orders &amp; DoDDS Teachers on EML during summer vacation.</p> <p><b>Category V:</b> Military personnel traveling on permissive TDY orders.</p> <p><b>Category VI:</b> Retired military members and dependents (up to age 23 with a valid identification card) when accompanied by a sponsor.</p>