

Words of Wisdom Wednesday May 22, 2018

Questions and Answers

Q: Is the power-point presentation for this session going to be available?

A: Yes, the .pptx file will be posted on the PPC (P&D) web page along with the recording of the session.

Q: Do you foresee the Payslip getting more descriptive with the deductions and overpayment explanations?

A: PPC is unaware of any system changes concerning these types of Payslip comments. However, there are some Payslip updates in the works concerning additional comments for IDTs. There is no specific time when this may be released.

Q: Any movement on improving the “retro” pay processing for Reservists? Specifically, reducing the timeline from 2 pay periods to process pay.

A: The 2 pay period bump for retro Reserve transactions was built into the programming of DA and cannot be changed without a System Change Request. Please see the [Understanding Reserve Pay Processing](#) user guide that specifically addresses Reserve pay. There are several reasons for delays in DA processing pay. The most significant is that Reservists are paid IDTs while in a **Reserve Pay Group**, and all Active Duty pay when in an **Active Duty Pay Group**. A member cannot be in two pay groups at the same time. Many of the Reservist pay issues can be managed by submitting reserve orders (both Active and IDTs), Timely, Accurately and Sequentially. For example, if a member performs IDT on a Sunday and then begins Active Duty orders on the following Monday, the IDT should be processed for pay BEFORE reporting aboard for the active duty. If this does not happen sequentially, this is one of the biggest causes for processing IDT pay. And of course, the reverse also applies.

PPC: Please remember to mark the new BAH row active for members to receive their current BAH after a PCS. There are two DA user guides that discuss PCS BAH. PPC has recently updated the [Basic Housing Allowance \(BAH\)](#) user guide discussing the BAH row in connection with PCS assignment. There is also a DA user guide discussing the [Entitlements that Auto Stop and Start during PCS](#).

PPC: As a reminder, every pay transaction or change to a member’s account can be verified the next day after an overnight pay calculation update. PPC issued an E-Mail [ALSPO B/19](#) discussing Auditing Standard Pay Transactions.