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COMMANDER'S ACTION LINE

Medical Aid Station Hours of Operation

With the departure of our doctor, Independent Duty Medical Technicians (IDMTs) will begin seeing active duty personnel for acute illnesses at the 65th Medical Aid Station (MAS) starting 3 Aug 2015. The MAS will be located in the former medical clinic, Building T-416. Walk-in/Sick call hours will be

0900-1100, Monday through Friday, excluding weekends and holidays. To reach the IDMTs during normal duty hours (Monday-Friday) from 0800-1700, please call 535-3261. If you need to speak with the IDMT after hours for an urgent concern, the on-call phone number is 927-156-485. If you experience a life, limb, or eyesight threatening medical emergency while on base, to include the housing areas of Beira Mar and Nascer do Sol, dial 911 from a DSN line or 295-571-911 from a cell phone, or host nation landline. If you are off base, dial 112 from any phone to reach a host nation ambulance service.

Dwell time, PT exemptions for new AF mothers increase to 1 year

By Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

The six-month deferment for female Airmen to accomplish their fitness assessments following childbirth will be increased to 12 months to align with recent changes to the deployment deferments, Air Force officials announced July 14.

The deployment deferment policy, as part of the Air Force's 2015 Diversity and Inclusion initiatives, increases the deferment from deployment, short tour or dependent-restricted assignment, and temporary duty to one year, unless waived by the service member.

"The goal is to alleviate the strain on some of our talented Airmen who choose to leave the Air Force as they struggle to balance deployments and family issues, and this is especially true soon after childbirth," said Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James.

The one-year deferment applies to female Airmen who gave birth on or after the effective date of March 6, 2015, to provide predictability with minimal disruption to Airmen and the deployment process.

As dwell times for deployment, permanent change of station and TDY increase, so too will the exemption from the current fitness assessment for female Airmen following pregnancies lasting 20 weeks or more (delivery, miscarriage, etc.). The service does not anticipate significant mission or readiness impacts associated with extending this action.

"Like many other programs announced earlier this year, such as the Career Intermission Program, we recognize the potential retention benefits associated with providing our female Airmen options that allow them to serve and support their family without having to choose one over the other,"

James said.

Air Force Guidance Memorandums will be available detailing the changes to both policies in the coming weeks.

The Air Force continues to research opportunities, in conjunction with the Department of Defense, to extend the maternity and convalescent leave period, similar to the recent changes announced by the Secretary of the Navy.

Airmen currently receive six weeks (42 days) of maternity leave, in line with the Department of Defense policy. By direction of the president, federal agencies can advance up to six weeks of paid sick leave to federal employees with a new child. "We want to make sure we develop an equitable policy that supports all of our Airmen and also maintains the ability to execute our mission," James said.

OPM acts to protect federal workers, others from cyber threats

DoD News

U.S. Office of Personnel Management officials announced July 9, the results of the interagency forensics investigation into a recent cyber incident involving federal background investigation data and the steps OPM is taking to protect those affected.

In late May, as a result of ongoing efforts to secure its systems, OPM discovered an incident affecting background investigation records of current, former and prospective federal employees and contractors, officials said.

The forensics investigation determined that the types of information in these records include identification details such as Social Security numbers; residency and educational history; employment history; information about immediate family and other personal and business acquaintances; health, criminal and financial history; and other details.

Some records also include findings from interviews conducted by background investigators and fingerprints. Usernames and passwords that background investigation applicants used to fill out their background investigation forms also were stolen.

21.5 million Social Security numbers stolen

Since learning of the incident affecting background investigation records, OPM and the interagency incident response team concluded that sensitive information, including the Social Security numbers of 21.5 million individuals, were stolen from the background investigation databases. This includes 19.7 million people who applied for a background investigation and 1.8 million non-applicants -- predominantly spouses or cohabitants of applicants, officials said.

There is no information at this time to suggest any misuse or further dissemination of the information that was stolen from OPM's systems, they added. "While background investigation records do contain some information regarding mental health and financial history provided by those that have applied for a security clearance and by individuals contacted during the background investigation, there is no evidence that separate systems that store information regarding the health, financial, payroll and retirement records of

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Photo Perspective



Chief Master Sgt. Maxine White, 65th Medical Group Superintendent, addresses master sergeant selects at a release ceremony on July 16, 2015.



Lajes Field's new master sergeant selects are recognized during a release ceremony on July 16, 2015. The Air Force selected 22.4 percent of eligible technical sergeants for promotion.

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federal personnel were impacted by this incident," OPM officials stated in a news release.

Separate from previous incident

This incident is separate, but related to a previous incident discovered in April affecting personnel data for current and former federal employees, officials said. OPM and its interagency partners concluded "with a high degree of confidence" that personnel data for 4.2 million individuals had been stolen, officials said.

"This number has not changed since it was announced by OPM in early June, and OPM has worked to notify all of these individuals and ensure that they are provided with the appropriate support and tools to protect their personal information," the news release stated.

Assistance for those affected

To protect those affected, OPM is providing a comprehensive suite of monitoring and protection services for background investigation applicants and non-applicants who had their Social Security numbers or other sensitive information stolen.

For the 21.5 million background investigation applicants, spouses or

cohabitants with Social Security numbers and other sensitive information that was stolen from OPM databases, OPM and the Defense Department will work with a private sector firm specializing in credit and identity theft monitoring to provide services tailored to address potential risks created by this particular incident for at least three years, at no charge.

Notification packages

In the coming weeks, OPM will begin to send notification packages to these individuals, which will provide details on the incident and information on how to access these services. OPM also will provide educational materials and guidance to help them prevent identity theft, better secure their personal and work-related data, and become more generally informed about cyber threats and other risks presented by malicious actors.

Other individuals whose name, address, date of birth, or other similar information may have been listed on a background investigation form, but whose Social Security numbers are not included, could include immediate family members or other close contacts of the applicant.

In many cases, the information about these individuals is the same as information generally available in public forums, such as online directories

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The Air Force Credentialing Opportunities Online (AF COOL) Program:
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All members PCS'ing from Lajes Field with Privately Owned Vehicle (POV)

TMO Information

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