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President Signs Continuing Resolution to Fund Government for 6 Months

National Military Family Association

President Barack Obama signed a continuing appropriations resolution (H.J.Res. 117) September 28, 2012, that will provide funding for the federal government and extend the federal pay freeze through Wednesday, March 27, 2013. The resolution, which was introduced by House Appropriations Committee Chairman, Rep. Hal Rogers (R-KY/5th), provides \$1.047 trillion in funding for Fiscal Year 2013, which represents a 0.6 percent across-the-board increase above fiscal 2012 levels.

While this provides for short-term coverage for defense spending, it can hinder long term contracting and production processes. There were specific provisions that provided additional funding for Homeland Security Cybersecurity efforts and funding for the Veterans Benefit Administration "to meet an increase in the disability claims workload."

What does this mean for military families? Hopefully, programs will be funded at least at 2012 levels. Families report to us that even at 2012 levels, they were seeing a reduction in support programs, staffing, and hours. With funding only authorized for 6

months it will be hard to plan for long term contracts for programs and with the threat of sequestration, calling for a cut of \$52 billion in 2013, more cuts will be on the horizon.

What can military families do? Let your commanders and family support personnel know what programs are most important to you so that cuts can be made to programs that are less effective and funding can continue for those programs that are helping military families – your families – the most.

To see past "Military Family Topics" to learn more about [sequestration](#).

To read "Comptroller Outlines Continuing Resolution, Sequestration" from Department of Defense, please click [HERE](#).

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DoD Calls on Teens to Commemorate Korean War

Department of Defense

The Department of Defense 60th Anniversary of Korean War Commemoration Committee (KW-60) and the GI Film Festival (GIFF) are asking for high school students to share the history of the Korean War through film through a Remembering Korea initiative. Starting on October 10, 2012, youtube, vimeo, or video links can be submitted via the GIFF website submission page.

The objectives of these films are to:

1. Honor the service and sacrifice of Korean War Veterans
2. Commemorate the key events of the war - both historic battles and offensives as well as impor-

tant technological and medical advances

3. Educate the American people about the significance of the Korean War

The rules of the contest:

- Make a 3-5 minute video about an American Korean War Hero
- Upload to your favorite site (youtube, vimeo, etc) and send in the link to the submission site
- Send in your video link by the Feb 10, 2013 deadline

For more information visit the [GIFF Remembering Korea website](#).

Rapper Psy's free concert in Seoul excites home fans

Seoul

"Psy rides with Seoulites" will be held on 4 October from 10:00 PM at Seoul Plaza, celebrating Psy's domination of top ranking on multiple music charts. Seoul Metropolitan Government (SMG) in cooperation with Seoul Metropolitan Police plans to systematically control traffic flow from 6:00 PM on the date of the concert. Moreover, in order to host safe and successful concert, SMG

plans to thoroughly prepare for the traffic plans such as bus detours and subway operation hour extensions. Due to the "Psy rides with Seoulites," schedules for several Hi Seoul Festival programs will be rearranged.

On October 4, SMG expects traffic jam near Seoul Plaza and encourages citizens to actively use public transportations.



Columbus Day Friendship Fall Festival

USAG-Yongsan



2012 Yongsan FMWR Columbus Day Friendship Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, 6 October 2012, from 1000 to 2000, at Williams Ave. and soccer field # 12, outside Collier Community Fitness Center.

a parade, scavenger hunt, kid's land, prizes and food so plan to be there! All that attend has a chance to win one round trip airline ticket to the USA! For more information, please call 738-5254/5419.

There will be plenty of entertainment, Festival schedule is as followed:

1000-1200: Parade

1200: Opening Ceremony

1230-1315: DJ Music

1315-1330: Parade Awards

1330-1400: CYSS demonstrations

1400-1430: Taekwondo Demonstration

1430-1515: Koridoor Tours Live Entertainment (Korean Drums, Ballerina Who Loved a B-boy)

1515-1545: Zumba demonstration

1545-1600: Sponsor Recognition

1600-1645: Eighth Army Band Seoul Alliance

1645-1730: American Band Entertainment Naughty Ajeossi Band

1730-1930: Korean Entertainment (Bigmama,7942, Fiestar, Hannah, Lee, En-ha, Nho, Sa-Yeon)

1930-1945: Grand prize drawings



On going events: Kids Land , DJ Music between events and acts

Exchange Now Accepting Medagate Worldwide

AAFES

As of 8 September, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) is officially the first retailer to accept the Medagate Over the Counter (OTC) benefits card on a worldwide basis. Medagate is a card-based program provided by Medicare and Medicaid Services that enables merchants to accept payment at the register for medicine and medical supplies covered by medical insurance plans. Medagate OTC cards are is-

sued to Medicare and Medicaid members on behalf of insurance providers and are periodically reloaded by Medicare, Medicaid and other health plan companies. Cardholders can simply bring qualifying items to an Exchange checkout (including Express, Troop Store and Main Store locations) where the Medagate OTC card is swiped to pay for all eligible items. For details about this card, please click [HERE](#).

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501st Military Intelligence Brigade

The 501st Military Intelligence Brigade has a legacy of service as the eyes and ears for the longest-standing stabilization force mission in U.S. military history. The brigade is dedicated to supporting combined forces operations upholding the armistice agreement that ended hostile action on the Korean Peninsula in 1953.

The brigade, headquartered in Seoul, Korea, along with its five battalions, is a uniquely configured military intelligence organization incorporating all forms of traditional and developing intelligence collection, analysis and dissemination technologies. The 501st MI Brigade is the only Army unit of its kind containing organic assets that span the full array of intelli-

gence disciplines: imagery, signals, measurement and signatures, and human intelligence.

The 501st Military Intelligence Brigade conducts theater level multi-discipline intelligence for Joint and Combined Warfighters from the Republic of Korea.

The 501st Military Intelligence Brigade welcomes new members coming to Korea. Are you heading for a tour here? Please send us an email. We can help you prepare, answer questions and ease your transition once you arrive. It's always best to plan ahead!

Please visit [BDE Homepage](#) to be connected. tunes.

2012 Hi Seoul Festival

Seoul

2012 Hi Seoul Festival (sponsored by Seoul and the Seoul Foundation of Arts and Culture) is one of the main festivals of Seoul. This year, the event takes place in the autumn from October 1 to October 7 and is held along the famed Gwanghwamun Square, Seoul Plaza, Cheonggye Plaza and in downtown Seoul.

The 2012 festival theme is "Street Art," offering a wide array of cultural and art programs. Visitors will have a chance to view countless exhibits and participate in numerous experience programs.

While traveling through Seoul, it is a

certainty that you will run slap bang into a festival in full swing here or there. The internationally-famed major festivals of the city provide a wide variety of cultural events that appeal to both Koreans and foreigners, from the traditionally-themed to those with more modern, Western influences.

For more information, please click [HERE](#).