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Bacon's Bits

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This newsletter is our 9th edition of the AMPO Newsletter and I would like to start off with a quote, "The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place." With our first edition of the newsletter, the feedback I received was people really liked the newsletter and thought it was a wonderful way to communicate and receive information about what's going on in our MEPRS world. But to communicate, the newsletter must get read. It can't get thrown away before being opened, or banished to the to-be-read pile.

For those of you who are taking the time to read the newsletter – thank you. However, in our previous newsletter we wanted to see how many people were actually reading the newsletter, so we added an article on DMHRSi implementation and within it stated "CALL RIGHT NOW". To my amazement and quite honestly, to my disappointment, we received less than 5 phone calls. Which lead me to some conclusions? Either people are just too busy to read the newsletter, don't believe it has any value or they are just scheming through the index of articles and only reading those articles they think might be of interest. Either way, I believe you are missing out on some very important and relevant information.

I know AMPO sends out a lot of guidance and policy through emails, newsletters and policy letters. The intent is to provide you the information you need to effectively perform your jobs. However, I have been told that our MEPRS guidance and policy is not being communicated to the rest of the users within the MTF. I need you to help me help you. Therefore, I am asking for your feedback on two things. I would be very interested in hearing how you are communicating our policy and guidance within your MTF and I would also like to know if you are doing anything differently because of the newsletter. I know a lot of you are doing great things out there and I am looking forward to your phone calls and emails.

Thank you, and Have a great month!



BEST-OF-THE-BEST

Army MTF MEPRS Office personnel are known for their dedication and meticulous performance of their duties. This is evident when reviewing the compliance with requirements placed on them from within their commands along with those imposed by MEDCOM.

MTF Ranking is based on point values assessed for compliance with current FY EAS Timeliness, DMHRSi Timecard Compliance, Financial Reconciliation submission, Narrative submission, and Discrepancies for FY06-FY10 (AMPO Discrepancies, and Unauthorized FTE's). Contact your AMPO analyst for additional details on the ranking methodology.

MEDCEN:

FT. HOOD
GREAT JOB! DIANE
PAPKE & STAFF

BEDDED:

FT. RILEY
EXCEPTIONAL EFFORTS!
ROBERT KESLER & STAFF

UNBEDDED:

FT. LEAVENWORTH
AWESOME JOB! LINDA
HIXON & STAFF

GFEBs Regenerated Files & Associated Parsing Reports

With the ability to regenerate a GFEBs file, MTFs should expect to receive an associated Parsing Report. Parsing Reports are generated not by GFEBs, but by the EAS Program Office. Parsing reports are provided via e-mail with a subject line of "EAS IV Parsing Report for GFEBs Interface File EASi cost data YYY-YMMDD.txt". The Parsing routine reviews the date stamp of the GFEBs file. If there is more than one GFEBs files generated with a similar date stamp, the Parsing routine is unable to distinguish that the files are different. As a result, only one Parsing Report is generated. How can you tell if this has occurred? The e-mail "EAS IV Parsing Report for GFEBs Interface File easi_costdata_YYYYMMDD.txt" will not have a Parsing Report attached.

This will require the MTF(s) that did not receive a Parsing Report to regenerate another GFEBs file in order to obtain a Parsing Report. AMPO is working with the EAS Program Office to re-write the System Change Request which will result in a separate Parsing Report for each GFEBs file generated/re-generated based on the date stamp, time stamp and the Fund Center.

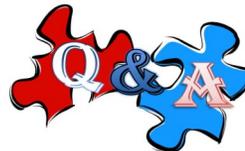
Update on the DOD Batch and Timecard Status

Sites are experiencing several issues with the DoD Batch and Timecard Status Report. One of the major issues involves the status of the timecard on the report does not match the status of the timecard in Timekeeper Entry. Changes to this report are due to be implemented into DMHRsI approximately 28 February. We will confirm that as we get closer to that date.

Critical DMHRsI Issue Involving Reversing and Transferring Man-Hours

There are several DMHRsI issues related to transferring and reversing man-hours. Sites didn't start seeing the problems until November's processing. These issues have been identified, validated and forwarded to Tier III for action. Specifically, on your EAS Summary View Report and the EAS Interface file you might see (-) negative numbers for salary, available hours without salary, entries on the EAS Summary View Report showing zero hours/salary/FTEs and letters instead of numbers in the FTE columns.

Until these issues are resolved, once you have generated your EAS interface file, forward it to your AMPO analyst prior to importing it into EAS. Your analyst will identify any issues resulting from the system issues, correct them and return the file to you for import.



Q: Why is it taking hours for my EAS Interface file to start running and complete?

A: When you submit the process that generates the EAS Interface file, your request goes in queue. DMHRsI can run three requests at one time. While those three run, the others go into a wait status by the date/time the request was submitted. Once a file completes, it starts running the next file that is waiting. Never cancel your request as that puts your request further back in line and never resubmit that same request more than once as that delays everyone.