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Subject: [COA-DC-BRANCH] Smart Brief - Benefits Available to PHS Officers



To members of the D.C. Metropolitan Area Branch,

This Smart Brief is a journal style email message intended to help keep you informed about various uniformed service benefits available to PHS officers. Please note that some offers may only apply to Armed Forces members; however, these Smart Briefs will help promote awareness and push toward including the common language of "Uniformed Services" in more legislation and benefits packages.

For the current posting, please forward any questions or comments to LCDR Robert Windom at robert.windom@foh.hhs.gov. We also welcome any hot topics or special discounts that you wish to share with your fellow officers. Thank you.

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1. Shades of Green on Walt Disney World Resort

Shades of Green on Walt Disney World Resort is an Armed Forces Recreation Center in Lake Buena Vista, Florida that provides R&R for active duty PHS officers and their families, in addition to Armed Forces Service members and their families. The resort has 586 affordable guest rooms located in a beautiful setting that is very conveniently located on Walt Disney World Resort. A great benefit of staying at the resort is the free bus transportation to the Walt Disney World Resort transportation center. The resort has its own ticket office that sells discounted tickets to Disney attractions, Universal attractions, and other local attractions. The staff is knowledgeable about the discounts available to service members.

The Shades of Green Reservations Office is open Monday through Friday from 0700 to 2000 hours, and Saturday 0700-1400 hours (Eastern Standard Time).

Phone: (888) 593-2242

www.shadesofgreen.org

2. "Disney's Armed Forces Salute" Tickets – Free 5-day passes

Through December 23, 2009, each active or retired member of the U.S. military may obtain one complimentary 5-day "Disney's Armed Forces Salute" ticket with Park Hopper® and Water Park Fun & More options. Though PHS officers are not specifically listed as included in this offer, we know of PHS officers who have successfully taken advantage of the offer. This ticket is valid for five days of admission into the four Walt Disney World® theme parks, plus a total of five visits to a choice of a Disney water park, DisneyQuest® Indoor Interactive Theme Park or certain other attractions. During this offer period, active or retired U.S. military personnel (or their spouses, but not both) may also make a one-time purchase of up to a maximum of five 5-Day "Disney's Armed Forces Salute Companion" tickets (one theme park per day) for \$99 per ticket, plus tax, for family members (including spouse) or

friends. All tickets and options are non-transferable and must be used by December 23, 2009.

"Disney's Armed Forces Salute" tickets can be obtained at participating U.S. military base ticket offices (including the Shades of Green Resort at the Walt Disney World® Resort), or at main entrance theme park ticket windows. Tickets are not valid until activated at the main entrance theme park ticket windows. Valid military identification will be required to be presented by the service member (or dependent spouse with I.D.) for all ticket transactions (including to activate tickets at the main entrance theme park ticket windows).

3. Universal Orlando Resort Military Salute Program

Universal Orlando Resort has extended through the end of 2009 its program to offer 1 free 2-park (Universal Studios, Islands of Adventure), seven day unlimited admission ticket to all U.S. Active Duty and Retired Military service members with a valid military photo I.D. Though PHS officers are not specifically listed as eligible for this offer, as noted above for the Disney deal, we know of PHS officers who have taken advantage of the deal successfully. Active Duty and Retired military personnel and their immediate family members can also purchase additional 2-park, seven day unlimited admission tickets with a valid military photo ID, for up to \$35 off the retail price. Tickets are available at participating Military Base ITT/ITR offices nationwide, at the Shades of Green Resort in Orlando, and according to the Universal toll-free ticket line, may also be purchased at the main entrance ticket windows.

Smart Brief archives and future notices

For your convenience, a link has been created on the DC COA website that will allow you to access past Smart Brief editions. Please note that future Smart Briefs will be sent out on a monthly basis, unless there is a need to send more time sensitive information that we come across. Please look for future editions around the 2nd Monday of each month. We hope that you have enjoyed these Briefs and we continue to look forward to sharing and discussing topics of interest with you. [DC COA Smart Briefs](#)

Thanks,

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