Chapter 7
Patronage

7–1. Eligibility

a. MWR programs will be established primarily for Armed Forces military personnel.

b. Ready Reserve members have the same priority as AD military personnel. Gray area retirees (retired reservists under age 60) have the same priority as regular Army retirees for use of category C MWR programs only. Eligible Family members may participate in MWR programs whether or not accompanied by the sponsor. Family members and guests of first priority patrons assume the same priority.

c. If MWR facilities cannot accommodate all authorized patrons, the garrison commander will determine specific use priorities. Such priorities are based on priorities establish in table 7–1.

d. Guests must be accompanied by authorized patrons and may participate in MWR programs, purchase items incidental to participation, and consume food and beverages while on the premises. Guests include those participants at functions arranged by an authorized patron. Otherwise, guests are not authorized resale purchases. Garrison commanders (or designees) will approve local rules governing the number of guests and the frequency of use at specific facilities.

e. DOD organizations stationed or tenanted on an Army installation will be afforded the same facility use privileges as those afforded personnel on the Army installation.

f. Military club membership and reciprocal patronage of military clubs are outlined in chapter 8.

g. Access to military exchanges and their programs (for example, package beverage stores) will be in accordance with AR 215-8.

h. Patron eligibility criteria and priority of use are contained in table 7–1. For CYSS, eligibility is found in AR 608-10.

Table 7–1
Morale, welfare, and recreation patronage authorizations

Category	Unlimited	Category C
Active duty (AD) military personnel and Families (includes U.S. Coast Guard)	X	
Members of the RC and Families (includes Ready Reserve (to include Scholarship/Contract ROTC Cadets) and National Guard, and their Family members)	X	
Delayed Entry/Delayed Training recruits	X	
Cadets of Armed Forces academies (USMA cadets have first priority at USMA)	X	
Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service and Commissioned Corps of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and their Family members	X	
Retired military personnel from active duty and Family members. Retired from the Reserves with pay and retired without pay (gray area)	X	
Retired from the Reserves with pay and retired without pay (gray area)	X	
Veterans with 100% service-connected disability, honorably discharged [4]	X	

Table 7–1
Morale, welfare, and recreation patronage authorizations—Continued

Category	Unlimited	Category C
Medal of Honor recipients[4]	X	
Unremarried surviving spouses (and Families) of military personnel who died while on AD or in retired status[4]	X	
Unremarried former spouses (and other Family members) who were married to the military member for at least 20 years while the military member was on AD	X	
Orphans of military members, when not adopted by new parents, under 21 years of age (or over if not capable of supporting themselves, or 23 years of age if they are in full-time study)	X	
U.S. DOD APF/NAF civilian employees (includes AAFES) and Coast Guard civilians and their Family members stationed outside the United States	X	
Local national or host country DOD civilian employees and Families at the discretion of the overseas commander, provided space is available and subject to host country agreements	X[1]	

U.S. Federal employees when assigned in areas outside the United States	X	
Medical personnel under contract to the Army during periods they are residing on the installation	X	
Military personnel of foreign nations and their Families when on orders from the U.S. Armed Forces, or in overseas areas when the overseas commander grants privileges in the best interest of the United States	X	
Paid members of the American Red Cross, United Service Organization, and other POs as authorized by DOD issuances, when assigned to U.S. Armed Forces outside the United States	X	
U.S. employees of firms under contract to DOD working on the installation, assigned outside the United States	X	
U.S. DOD APF/NAF civilian employees (includes AAFES) and Coast Guard civilians and retired DOD and Coast Guard civilians and their Family members	X[1]	
DOD contract personnel or technical representatives who work full time on the installation.	X[1]	
ROTC cadets (other than those above) when participating in field training	X[1]	
Former POWs and spouses of current prisoners of war or service members missing in action and their Family members[4]	X[1]	
Non-DOD Federal employees working on the installation	X[1]	
Foster children of military personnel, exchange students residing with Families of military personnel who are their sponsors, and "au pairs" residing with Families of military personnel	X[2]	
Individuals who have distinguished themselves in direct association with or in support of the Army (may include foreign nationals overseas) [4]	X[1]	
Leaders within the 50 U.S. and the D.C. in the local community designated by the garrison commander and recertified annually. Applicable to OCONUS programs if Status of Forces Agreement or other international agreements or local laws do not prohibit, and the commander determines it is in the best interest of the command.	X[1]	
Members of the general public at MWR infrequent events, at garrison commander's discretion	X[1,3]	

Table 7–1
Morale, welfare, and recreation patronage authorizations—Continued

Category	Unlimited	Category C
Members of the general public within the 50 U.S. and the D.C. on a continuing basis subject to criteria below. Does not apply to MWR bingo programs. Approval required by the Secretary of the Army or as delegated at HQDA level. Documentation is submitted to FMWRC (ATTN: IMWR-PO-P), 4700 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22302–4419. (Documentation will include detailed justification of how criteria below are met.)		X[1,3]

Notes:

[1] Based on local demand and capacity and at garrison commander discretion; purchase of food, beverages, and tobacco for on-premises consumption only; purchase of merchandise incidental to MWR participation. (APF and NAF personnel employed by MWR programs and their Family members may purchase resale merchandise and services, without restrictions, from MWR program resale operations (not exchanges)).

[2] Does not include child care facilities or military exchanges.

[3] Subject to the following criteria: Adequacy of facilities and underutilized; written agreements from local Government officials, other appropriate community leaders indicating they have no objections to expanded use of military MWR programs, and there is no opposition from the local business or local Government community; beneficial to military members/civilians in the community; and no conflict exists as determined by the local SJA with Federal, State, or local laws, or as applicable, international agreements.

[4] Club membership dues may or may not be charged, at garrison commander's discretion.

7–2. Other users

a. Other individuals and local and State Governments may be given limited access under the following terms, in accordance with this and other applicable regulations:

(1) Persons hunting and fishing on Army property where authorized under terms of Cooperative Plan Agreements for Conservation and Development of Fish and Wildlife Resources and those using other outdoor recreation facilities and programs under terms of established cooperative agreements. See also paragraphs 8–25*b*(4) and (6) and 8–25*j* pertaining to public access to Government land and water resources and hunting and fishing, and Golden Age passports.

(2) Participants in or spectators at music and theater productions, sporting events, special events such as Volksmarches, and other MWR programs open to the local community to foster public relations, when their participation is an enhancement (see table 7–1, footnotes 1 and 3).

(3) Local and State Government use of categories A and B MWR programs with excess capacity under established memorandum of understanding (MOU) or partnership agreements. Such use must be mutually beneficial to both the garrison and the local community, in compliance with applicable law and regulations, and will not increase costs to the Army as a result of such use unless the agency/institution of the local or State Government subsidizes the additional costs.

b. Non-DOD groups will be authorized to use MWR facilities subject to the limitations set forth in DOD 5500.7–R, AR 210–22, AR 600–29, and this regulation. Routine MWR patronage (programs, facilities, or services) by members or potential members of non-DOD groups will be authorized only when the individuals qualify as authorized patrons.

c. Conflicts between this chapter and any agreement between the United States and foreign government will be resolved in favor of the agreement.

7–3. Identification

a. Garrison commanders will ensure patrons are identified as authorized patrons prior to using any MWR program. Proof of eligibility must be presented.

b. The common access card, issued to active duty military personnel, Selected Reserve, DOD civilian employees (both APF and NAF), and other eligible personnel, will be used for identification purposes.

c. AR 600–8–14 prescribes identification cards for retired military personnel; Family members; Reserve personnel other than the Selected Reserve; and others not authorized the common access card.

d. Identification of Delayed Entry/Delayed Training Program recruits will be by DD Form 4/1 and 4/2 or 4/3 (Enlistment or Reenlistment Agreement–Armed Forces of the United States) and a picture ID card.

e. DA Form 1602 (Civilian Identification) may be used as identification for retired DA civilian employees and Family members of current and retired DA civilian employees. Current and retired DA civilian employees may request issue of DA Form 1602.

f. Identification for exchange students and au pairs will be a locally developed card or the commander or designee may issue a limited duration letter of access (similar to letters issued for exchange service use by agents to purchase for eligible incapacitated patrons.)

g. A locally developed card or letter may be used to identify individuals or groups of individuals who are granted access to MWR facilities per table 7–1 and who are not eligible for identification cards prescribed above.