

## Army Family Action Plan Accomplishments:

- 95 legislative changes
- 137 policy/regulation changes
- 153 program/service improvements

### These are just a few examples of what AFAP has done.

Basic Housing Allowance increased  
by 11%.

SGLI increase from \$50,000 to  
\$250,000 (original issue)

Military Savings Plan implemented in  
OCT 2001

DOD Reserve component ID card  
established

POV stored at Government expense  
when Service member reassigned to  
an area where POV is not authorized

Funded Student Travel

Expanded Family Dental Plan

### Send Issues to:

Army Community Service  
AFAP Community Symposium  
830 Chisholm Ave.  
Ft. Meade, MD 20755  
Fax 301-677-2910

## ISSUE PAPER FORMAT

*(Type or Print Clearly)*

The following information is used for  
administrative purposes only. It will confirm  
receipt of your issue, allow us to obtain  
clarification if necessary and provide you with  
after-action feedback.

Issue Submitter's Name:

Address:

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Issue:** (A few words summarizing the problem  
or concern)

**Scope:** (Describe one specific problem of  
concern in a paragraph form. Reference any  
laws, policies that impact on the issue.)

**Recommendation:** (Include only three (3)  
specific recommendations related to the  
single issue described.)



Fort George G. Meade  
Army Family Action Plan

## Community Symposium



**"Turn Your Ideas Into  
Effective Solutions!"**

## What Is The FGGM Community Symposium (AFAP)?

The Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) is a grassroots level process that identifies issues of concern. AFAP is a program that gives everyone in the community the opportunity to influence his/her own quality of life and standard of living.

## Fort Meade Community Symposium Process:

A Symposium is held annually at Fort Meade. Members from the community represent America's Military Family to identify, develop and prioritize community / installation quality of life issues. Research shows that 90% of issues raised are resolved at the local level. Issues beyond the scope of the installation commander go forward to higher commands.

## Who Takes Part In The Symposium?

Fort Meade's Symposium includes a cross section of our community. We welcome and encourage all branches of Military Service, family members, retirees, civilians and teens (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) who live or work here at Fort Meade.

## How Does The Symposium Process Work?

Representatives of the entire community meet to identify, develop, and prioritize issues. Many issues introduced at our symposium are specific to our installation.

Our commander ensures the issues are worked toward resolution. About 90% of the issues are retained and worked at the local level, resulting in ongoing community improvement.

Some issues are applicable beyond the local level. They are sent to the higher command level AFAP conferences, where delegates from across the Army prioritize the issues and are worked toward resolution by Army staff and DOD agencies.

The General Officer Steering Committee (GOSC), reviews the progress of AFAP issues on a semi-annual basis. The AFAP GOSC is the final deciding authority on the status of all issues (determining if an issue is resolved, unattainable, or needs to remain active until issue's stated objectives have been met).

## Instructions for Submitting Issue Papers!

Please use the following guidelines when preparing your issue papers.

Remember: submit only (1) issue per form.

There are no limitations to the number of issues you may submit for consideration. Use the form enclosed as a guideline, or as the actual form on which you write your issue.

The document should be typewritten, and no more than one page in length. Write a brief statement summarizing the issue.

Scope asks you to describe the problem or concern in paragraph form. Include enough information to ensure the issue will be understood by all who read or review it.

Reference any laws, regulations, or policies that impact on the issue. Recommendation's should be clear and specific. Prioritize recommendations if you are submitting more than one with each issue paper.

Before finalizing your issue paper, we suggest that you review it to ensure that the following questions have been addressed:

- What am I trying to change?
- What is the best possible method?
- What are some alternative methods?