# Helping Those Entering the Service

## Description

Sorry for the lack of posts, butâ€¦

The Boss is gone, the swamp is full and alligators are plentiful.

Her daughter completed Vet School a few weeks back and is now at her intro to wearing a uniform as a veternarian. It has been rewarding to be able to pass on the gouge about detailers (or as you Army people call them: Career Management Advisors or some PC thing like thatâ€¦Flesh Peddlers does it for me..), how to see where the â€œextraâ€• money is hidden in enroute schooling PCS orders, advice on stuff like â€œyou better hit the road and break in those boots, because some sergeant is gonna have a ball yelling at Officers like you soon,â€• who to talk to to get storage authorized for a longer period than routine for free, etc, etc. You get the pointâ€¦

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I did hose the new Captain over a little: I showed mom the DoD site with pay scales, complete with BAS/BAQ/VHA lists for her PCS area. I also read the PCS orders and showed mom where another $100/month propay will show up on the LES. Thanks to the Race for the Moon, a small calculator quickly did the math and suddenly, the request for a new laptop wasnâ€™t looked upon so kindly, not for someone instantly making O-3 pay with 4 Yrs/0 Monthsâ€¦ ðŸ™‚

You know, it has been a few conversations like that that have helped smooth out some mis-understandings and complete (not in a bad way) ignorance of the system. I grew up around the military, as the son of a civil servant who liked to travel. Naturally, most places we lived had significant military presense. I was â€œschooledâ€• from way back, along with becoming a pin cushion at the Sand Point Naval Air Staion clinic at the ripe old age of 7 years old.

Rasing my hand and putting on the uniform didnâ€™t hold a lot of basic mysteries for me. I now live were there are a very small percentage of military people. The kids donâ€™t have too many places to go to get the day to day simple stuff, which has become second nature to vets, even if it was only a 4 year hitch.

Take a moment to help out that new kid heading off to boot camp, or OCS, or ROTC, or the Academies. Give them a few groups on the real stuff that makes a difference in getting in the groove quickly. Gouge is goodâ€¦be generous with it.

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