

# Family Deployment Handbook

## Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System (DEERS)

If you haven't heard it already, DEERS will become an important part of your life during a deployment. Basically, DEERS is the acronym for the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System. It is the large automated information system that lists all Service Members and their family members and dependents which are eligible for military benefits, including TRICARE. All Service Members are listed automatically, but their eligible family members must be added when they apply for an ID card. The important thing to remember is that if you go to acquire medical assistance your information will be entered into a computer that will provide the health-care provider with your current status in DEERS; if your name comes up as on Active Duty, you will be able to receive the services you need; if your name does not come up on the database as Active Duty, you may be turned away. To change your mailing address with DEERS:

Visit a local military personnel office with an ID card/DEERS facility.

Call the Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office (DSO) at **1-800-538-9552**.

To update information other than change of address, convey the appropriate documentation to a military personnel office or send it via mail or fax to the DSO numbers and address given above.

**NOTE:** Many medical facilities and other health care providers will accept you if you present a copy of the DD Form 1172 (*DEERS Enrollment Form*) and your Guard member's Active Duty orders. Always - keep these two documents with you!!

**Area DEERS / Military ID card locations and Phone #'s**  
*(Please call to schedule an appointment and/or for office hours and directions)*

Bloomington, MN (MN ARNG)	651-268-8764	Minneapolis, MN (USAFR)	612-713-1507 / 1085
Brooklyn Park, MN (MN ARNG)	651-268-8453	Montevideo, MN (MN ARNG)	651-268-8470
Camp Ripley, MN (MN ARNG)	320-616-2728	Moorhead, MN (MN ARNG)	651-268-8499
Duluth, MN (MN ANG)	218-788-7212	Rosemount, MN (MN ARNG)	651-282-4925
Fargo, ND (USNR)	701-232-3689	Roseville, MN (MN ARNG)	651-268-8067
Fargo, ND (MEPS)	701-451-2244	Sioux Falls, SD (SD ANG)	605-988-5845
Ft Snelling, MN - Bldg 505 (USAR)	612-713-3202	Sioux Falls, SD (USNR)	605-336-2402
Grand Forks, ND (USAF)	701-747-4902	Sioux Falls, SD (SD ARNG)	605-977-2900 / 2911
Inver Grove Heights, MN (MN ARNG)	651-282-4723	St Cloud, MN (USAR)	320-251-7942
La Crosse, WI (WI ARNG)	608-788-2565	St Paul, MN (MN ARNG)	651-282-4579
Mankato, MN (MN ARNG)	651-268-8416/8413	Watertown, SD (SD ARNG)	605-882-9330
Minneapolis, MN (MN ANG)	612-713-2061		

<b>LEGEND</b>	<b>STATE ABBREVIATION</b>
ARNG = Army National Guard   ANG = Air National Guard	IA = Iowa   MN = Minnesota
USAR = US Army Reserve   USNR = US Naval Reserve	SD = South Dakota
USAF = US Air Force   USAFR = US Air Force Reserve	ND = North Dakota   WI = Wisconsin
MEPS = Military Entrance & Processing Station	

### **STANDARD BACK-UP OR VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION**

<b>Newly Married</b>	Marriage Certificate Spouse Birth Certificate Spouse SSN Card Spouse Drivers License	<b>Renewal or Replacement of Soldier or Dependents ID</b>	Old Dependent ID Card(s) 2 Other Picture ID's Copy Soldiers Orders <i>(for replacement only)</i>
<b>Divorce</b>	Divorce Decree <i>(w/annotation of filing date by Court Administrator)</i>	<b>New Born or Step Child</b>	Birth Certificate SSN Card
<b>Change of Address</b>	Provide current information	<b>Adoption</b>	Adoption Certificate <i>(w/Court Seal)</i> Birth Certificate SSN Card
<b>Renewal or Replacement of Soldier or Dependents ID</b>	Old Dependent ID Card(s) 2 Other Picture ID's Copy Soldiers Orders <i>(for replacement only)</i>	<b>Death of Dependent</b>	Death Certificate

If you are the Service Member's spouse or Power of Attorney (POA) you may need a copy of the signed POA and/or copy of Service Members deployment or Active Duty Orders along with a picture ID (*State Drivers License or ID*). **IMPORTANT!** Be sure to provide your unit with the same documentation and a copy of your new DD form 1172 you signed when you updated DEERS and received your new ID Card!