

GPC NEWS

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GPC TRADE FAIR REMINDER

There will be 2 Government Purchase Card (GPC) Trade Fairs held this year. The first will be held on Tuesday, 10 February 2004 at the Fort Bragg Officer's Club. The second Trade Fair will be held on Wednesday, 25 August 2004. More information on these upcoming GPC Trade Fairs may be viewed at website: <http://www.bragg.army.mil/www-doc>. Click on "Trade Fair 10 Feb 04" for additional information.

SECURITY ALERT – FRAUDULENT CARDHOLDER EMAILS

There have been reports of cardholders receiving requests via email that appear to come from U.S. Bank. The email claims that the recipient's accounts have been blocked and asks the recipient to enter his/her account number and other personal information.

According to U.S. Bank's Fraud Prevention and Investigation area, this is a fraudulent email and did not come from U.S. Bank. **DO NOT REPLY** to this email under any circumstances and furthermore, do not click on any link in this email.

U.S. Bank will not contact cardholders directly under any circumstances to verify account numbers or personal information. **ONLY** this GPC Office can suspend GPC accounts. If your account is suspended, your GPC account manager will notify you. You will never receive email directly from U.S. Bank on any issues.

MANDATORY TRAINING

DoD DAU (Defense Acquisition University) GPC Training for all prospective Billing Officials, Alternate Billing Officials and Cardholders beginning 1 Dec 03. All new applicants will be required to complete the Fort Bragg On-Line Training **AND** the mandatory DoD DAU GPC Training. Training Certifications must be submitted with appropriate completed Billing Official, Alternate Billing Official or Cardholder applications. Both the Fort Bragg and DoD DAU training can be accessed directly through the following website: <http://www.bragg.army.mil/www-doc/GovUser/GPC/GPC-OLT.htm>

INACTIVE PASSWORDS

Billing Official passwords expire every 30 days. Cardholder passwords expire every 100 days. Should you get a message of being "inactivated" after logging into CARE, call US Bank's toll-free 24 hour number at 1-888-994-6722 to request a password reset. If asked, your Program Coordinator is Lucinda L. Nance. You may also call US Bank if you are ever locked out of CARE.

PROCESSING TIME FOR ACCOUNT SET-UPS AND MAINTENANCES

Account Set-Up Forms (i.e. Billing Official, Alternate Billing Official, and Cardholder Set-Up Forms) are processed within **6** working days after receipt of completed forms and **BOTH** Training Certificates.

ALL Account Maintenance Forms that involve monetary increases are processed within **24** hours of receipt of a completed form.

UPDATED FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Did you know that there are over 90 Frequently Asked Questions on our GPC Website? These FAQ's consist of 20 pages of information that are continuously updated to provide you with quick and easy access to questions concerning items you are attempting to purchase with your GPC Card.

You may access the following website for a complete list of the current FAQs. <http://www.bragg.army.mil/www-doc/GovUser/GPC/FAQ.htm>

TOTAL OF FY03 REBATES

Total rebate of \$608,828 was awarded to Fort Bragg for FY03. The total rebate for FY02 was \$429,368. This reflects an increase of \$179,460. The highest rebates are earned when Billing Officials certify within five business days following the end of the cycle. The majority of all rebates are credited directly back to Billing Official accounts.

TOTAL FY03 INTEREST PENALTIES

Total interest penalties for FY03 were \$1,470.64. The total interest penalties for FY02 were \$27,837. This reflects a decrease of \$26,366.36 in interest penalties associated with late certifications of accounts and CARE rejects.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW GPC TEAM MEMBER

Ms. Anne Talbot recently joined the GPC Team. Ms. Talbot comes to us from Sports & Physical Fitness Branch of CASBC. Ms. Talbot may be reached at 396-4362 ext. 282, or talbota@bragg.army.mil. We are excited to have her on our team and know she'll be a great asset to Fort Bragg's GPC Program! Welcome Anne!

ALL GPC FORMS HAVE BEEN UPDATED

All GPC Forms have been updated as of January 2004. They are located at website: <http://www.bragg.army.mil/www-doc> click on "Government Purchase Card (GPC)" then click on "Forms".

INSECT REPELLANT FOR IRAQ

Insect repellent vendors have contacted supply and contracting offices at several Army installations offering a variety of insect repellents. None of these products have been shown to be as effective as the repellent in the National Stock System. The DEET repellent, NSN 6840-01-284-3982, when used with a permethrin-treated uniform, provides the most effective protection available, the DoD Insect Repellent System.

As a reminder, DoD policy states that the purchase of any pesticide product (including repellents) that is not listed on the approved National Stock System, requires approval by the Command Pest Management Consultant.

If you would like more information on the DoD Insect Repellent System, please access the Armed Forces Pest Management Board's (AFPMB) technical Guide #36, Personal Protective Measures Against Insects and Other Arthropods of Military Significance (http://www.afpmb.org/coweb/guidance_targets/ppms/TG36/TG36.htm) or call MAJ Dwight Rickard, Contingency Liaison Officer, AFPMB, DSN 295-7476 or commercial (301) 295-7476.

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