

From the Editor

While officials say the busiest time of the year for PCS moves is between Memorial Day and the Fourth of July, the military can and does move service members any time of the year, anywhere in the world.

And along with the many improvements made over the years for those who relocate every few years with the military, there are some things that never change — the inevitable damage to our furniture, small quarters in overseas locations, and the hassles of moving with kids and/or pets. In this guide, we try to touch on the important things to remember when moving to Europe, along with taking a look at the new and interesting things that await you and your family when you relocate to another part of the world.

Many military families — mine included — can get so caught up in the demands of frequent moves that they can forget the incredible opportunities such relocations present. How many other kids in America can say they have seen a 12th century cathedral in person, floated on a gondola in Venice or seen the Mona Lisa up close?

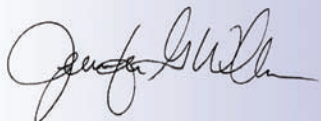
But along with the opportunities come the challenges. What do you do about banking when you relocate to a foreign country? How many vehicles should you take to a place that has mini-sized cars that could fit in your SUV?

What about sending your children to school overseas? Many military families choose to home school their children, to help alleviate issues that can arise from frequent moves.

And what if you would like to pursue your own education while stationed OCONUS? Advances in technology and the explosion of distance learning have made it easier than ever to further your education no matter where you live. You can get college credit for your military experiences, but how exactly does that work?

No matter what your question or concern, AmeriForce is here to help. Enjoy the information you find in this guide, and check out past articles on our website for even more knowledge about moving all across the country. And don't forget: enjoy it while it lasts!

Warm Regards,



Jennifer G. Williams, Editor



Group of people in front of the floodlit Eiffel Tower. Place : PARIS (75) (ILE DE FRANCE)
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To keep up with the changes in locations and telephone numbers, we at AmeriForce do not want to chance printing outdated information in an annual relocation guide.

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To use, visit www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/tf/movingand relocation and click on the "Installation Overview" tab on the left side of the page. From there, you can look up information on everything from medical facilities to barber shops on each military installation in the world.