Overview of MWR Programs
ARTS AND CRAFTS

Arts and crafts programs provide a wide range of instructional and self-directed arts and crafts, vocational activities, and services that include:

- Fine and applied arts, handicrafts, photography, contests, and exhibits.
- Automotive, electronic, home repair, industrial arts, conservation, and other activities that combine vocational education with leisure activity and self-sufficiency improvement.
- Sales store operations that support these programs.
Sports and athletics provide opportunities for increased physical, psychological, and social well-being through participation in self-directed and supervised sports programs. They emphasize fitness and military appearance. They include:

- An extension of structured physical fitness programs.
- Individual and dual sports programs as well as team sports.
- Instruction in individual and group sports activities at all levels of ability.
- Opportunity for co-ed recreational activities.
- Organized competition for men and women at intramural and intermural levels, with the opportunity for gifted athletes to progress to interservice, national, and international competition.
BOWLING

Bowling provides indoor social recreation and activity. It includes:

- Organized leagues and open events.
- Instruction.
- Special events and tournaments.
- Snack bar service.
- Sales of related equipment.
Open messe provide quality leisure dining blended with social interaction. They:

- Serve official function and social recreation needs.
- Provide a meeting place for community relations programs.
- Furnish essential feeding when (if) required.
MILITARY EXCHANGES

Military Exchanges are merchants to the military community. They:

- Provide goods and services for sale to authorized patrons on military installations.
- Assure savings, convenience, and quality.
- Provide support to deployed combat units and ships at sea.
- Operate military clothing stores, troop bakeries, milk products plants, and school lunch programs in support of military personnel and their families.
- Generate earnings through sales to provide a supplementary source of funding for other morale, welfare, and recreation activities.
COMMUNITY RECREATION

Community recreation programs concentrate on social, educational, cultural, and competitive events. These programs may be on and off base. They include:

- Directed social activities such as dances and bingo.
- Scheduled special events centered around holidays or theme programs.
- Adult education non-credit classes.
- Ticket and tour and information services.
- Directed competitive events such as chess and pool tournaments.
- Self-directed activities such as TV viewing, music listening, or lounging.
- Family oriented programs and activities.
OUTDOOR RECREATION

Outdoor recreation programs provide opportunities appropriate to the region both on and off base. They may include:

- Interpretive programs.
- Hiking, fishing, and camping.
- Instruction in outdoor skills.
- Ecology and conservation.
- Gardening.
- Nature trails, nature walks, and birdwatching.
Child care programs provide quality services for children. They include:

- Early Childhood Development.
- Home-based family day care services.
- Hourly care.
- Development programs for infants, toddlers, preschool and school-age children, and those with special needs.
- Quality food service where appropriate.
YOUTH PROGRAMS

Youth programs provide activities for young family members. They:

- Include organized and self-directed cultural, creative, educational, athletic, and outdoor recreational activities.
- Promote lifetime leisure skills and provide opportunities for active citizenship.
- Promote a wholesome atmosphere for the development of the individual.
- Promote leadership.
LIBRARIES

Libraries provide general, technical, research, and academic services and provide collections meeting the needs and interests of the base community. Library services include:

- Base or general libraries that offer reference, technical, recreational, and special library services.

- Extension services to remote locations and specialized collections in support of unique missions.

- Film, art, videotape, record, and periodical collections for personal or career learning or leisure use.

- Support for educational and training needs including military occupational specialty training and dependent education, through academically oriented collections.

- Inter-library loan arrangements with municipal, state, university, and other federal libraries.

- Specific programs designed to improve reading and comprehension skills.
Members of the military community with common interests have the opportunity to form recreational membership clubs and special interest groups. They are supported with:

- Access to available facilities in which to engage in activities appropriate to the club.
- Authorized assistance and appropriate oversight.
GOLF

Golf provides outdoor social recreation activities and services that include:

- Open play.
- Tournaments.
- Organized leagues.
- Special events.
- Instruction.
- Cart/club rental.
- Snack bar service.
- Sales of equipment.
Aquatics programs include not only swimming pools and beaches but related activities such as surfing, small craft boating, water skiing, etc. The primary objective of the aquatics program is to provide an opportunity for safe fun in a sanitary facility. Program areas include:

- Open swimming.
- Instruction for all ages.
- Competition including swim teams, synchronized swimming, intramural programs.
- Physical fitness emphasis.
- Special events such as pool parties, relays, races, contests, games, holiday events, etc.
- Aesthetically appealing areas for non-swimmers and sunbathers.
MUSIC AND THEATER ACTIVITIES

Music and theater activities provide military communities access to the performing arts. They include:

- Vocal or instrumental music programs.
- Community theater groups.
- Commercial entertainment and touring shows.
- Dinner theaters.
- Activities for development of individual talent like local productions, talent contests, and skit nights.
- Classical and art film screenings.
- Backstage production opportunities.