



News for U.S. Military Widows in Korea

1. Stimulus Payment

Any widow with a Social Security Number can file a tax return to receive the free Stimulus Payment of \$300. To see if the number you have is a Social Security Number, it must begin with the first three numbers between 001 and 772. Some widows have an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number that begins with 9. That is not a Social Security Number. Other widows have a Foreign Identification Number that starts with F. That is also not a Social Security Number.

If you have a Social Security Number and have not filed to receive your Stimulus Payment, please contact us at 031-663-0319. To complete the form, we will need the letter you received from each agency (such as DFAS, SSA and OPM) at the end of 2007 showing how much money you received from that agency in 2007. Without these letters, there's nothing we can do, so we hope you saved them. If you receive money only from VA, then you will not receive a letter. We just need to know how much you receive each month.

2. Seoul Visit Schedule

Tarita Harris, the RSO, visits Yongsan on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Some of the people go to her for help. Others would like to see me. Most of the time, we ask that they come to our Songtan office. However, I do visit Yongsan every two months on the second Tuesday to attend a meeting at 0730. The 2007 schedule is February, April, June, August, October and December. I can be found in the same office near the ID card section and will be there from about 0830 until 1000. Then I have to return to the Songtan office.

If you wish to see me at Yongsan on the second Tuesday in June, August, October or December, please call in advance to schedule the visit and to be sure that I will be there on this schedule. You can contact us at 031-663-0319. If you cannot wait for my next visit, then you'll have to come to the Songtan office to see us.

3. Hospital Appointments at Osan

It is becoming more difficult to get an appointment at the Osan Hospital and it will become even more difficult in the future. Patients with diabetes, high blood pressure and other "chronic" illnesses are being asked to find a Korean doctor because the Osan Hospital cannot guarantee that you can be seen on a regular schedule.

Being treated by a Korean doctor also means that you will not be able to obtain your medications from the Osan Hospital pharmacy.

If you use the Osan Hospital and you have this problem, then it might be possible for you to go to the 121 Hospital at Yongsan where they will probably be able to see you and provide your medications. For information and appointment, call 0505-737-2273.

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