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PAY AND LEAVE

- ▶ Soldier paternity leave
- ▶ Annual leave carryover increase from 60 to 75 days
- ▶ Military pay table changes, including targeted pay raises
- ▶ Military Thrift Savings Plan

EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

- ▶ Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008
- ▶ Distributed Soldier Montgomery GI Bill benefits to dependents
- ▶ Extended educational benefits for spouses
- ▶ n-state tuition for military dependents

CHILD CARE

- ▶ Dedicated special needs space in Child, Youth, and School Services (CYSS)
- ▶ Audio/video surveillance in child care centers
- ▶ Minimum standards for Army child care

MEDICAL

- ▶ Chiropractic treatment for Active Duty Soldiers
- ▶ Exceptional Family Member Program enrollment eligibility for Reserve Component Soldiers
- ▶ Dental and visual insurance coverage for federal employees
- ▶ Medical coverage for activated Reserve Component Families

SINGLE SOLDIERS

- ▶ Funding for Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS)
- ▶ Standardized barracks security measures

SPOUSE EMPLOYMENT

- ▶ Spouse professional weight allowance for PCS moves
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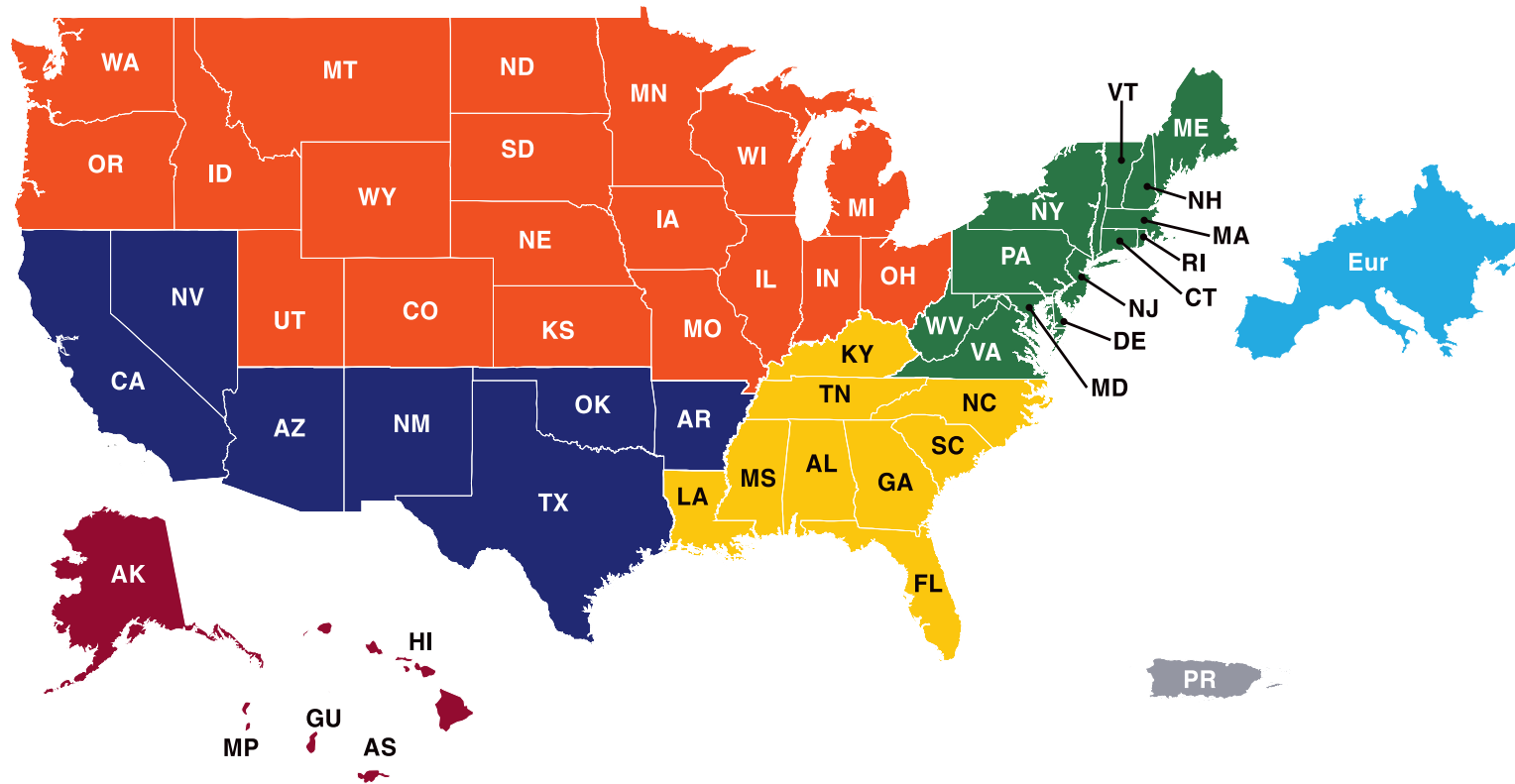
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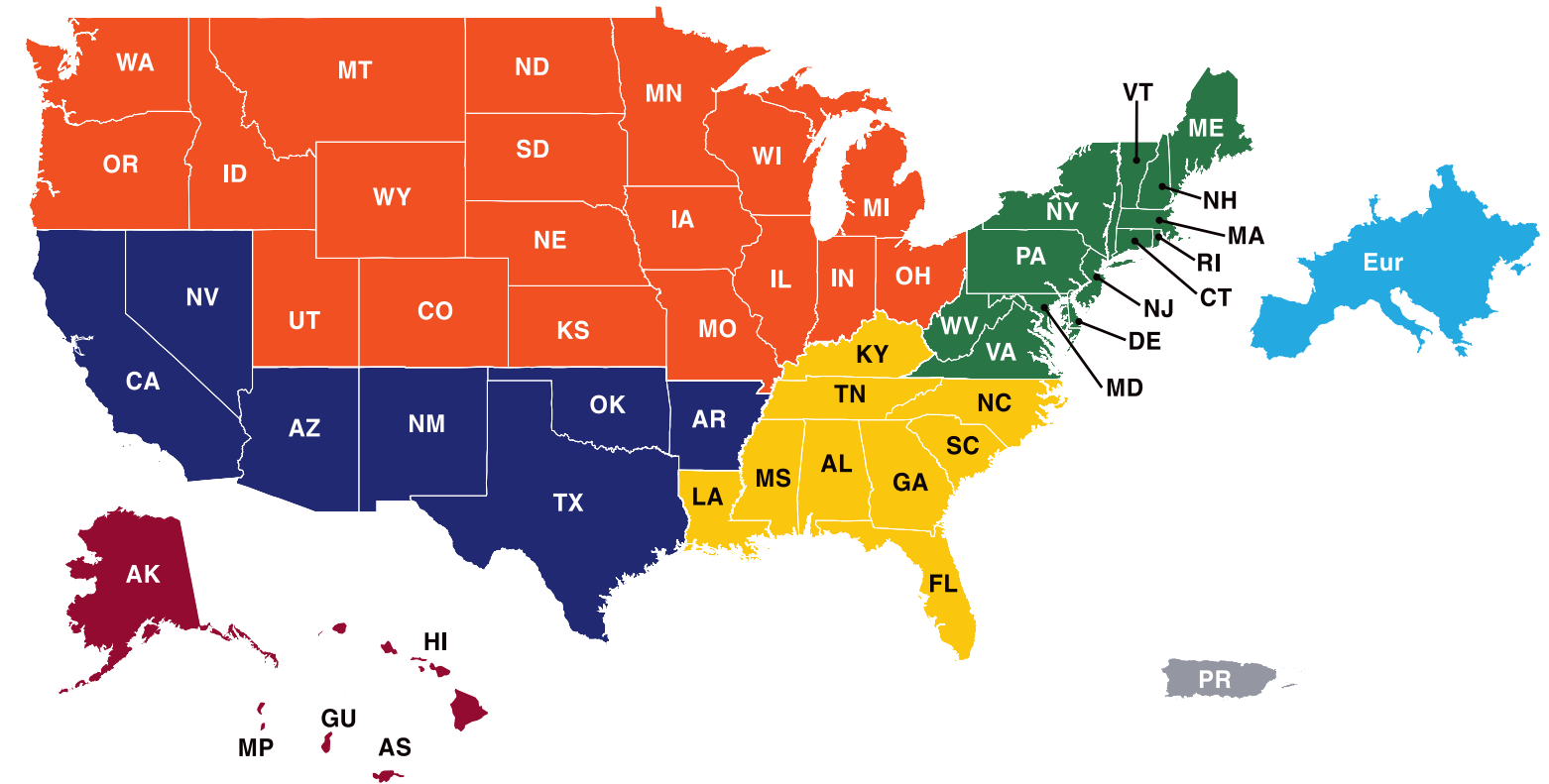
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