

BENEFITS OF BOSS:

- > Improve morale
- > Increase self-sufficiency
- > Develop leaders
- > Enhance the Chain of Command's communication
- > Contribute to Soldier readiness & retention
- > Improve unit Espirt de Corps
- > Is a ready-made focus group

The Fort Wainwright
BOSS Program is intended for:

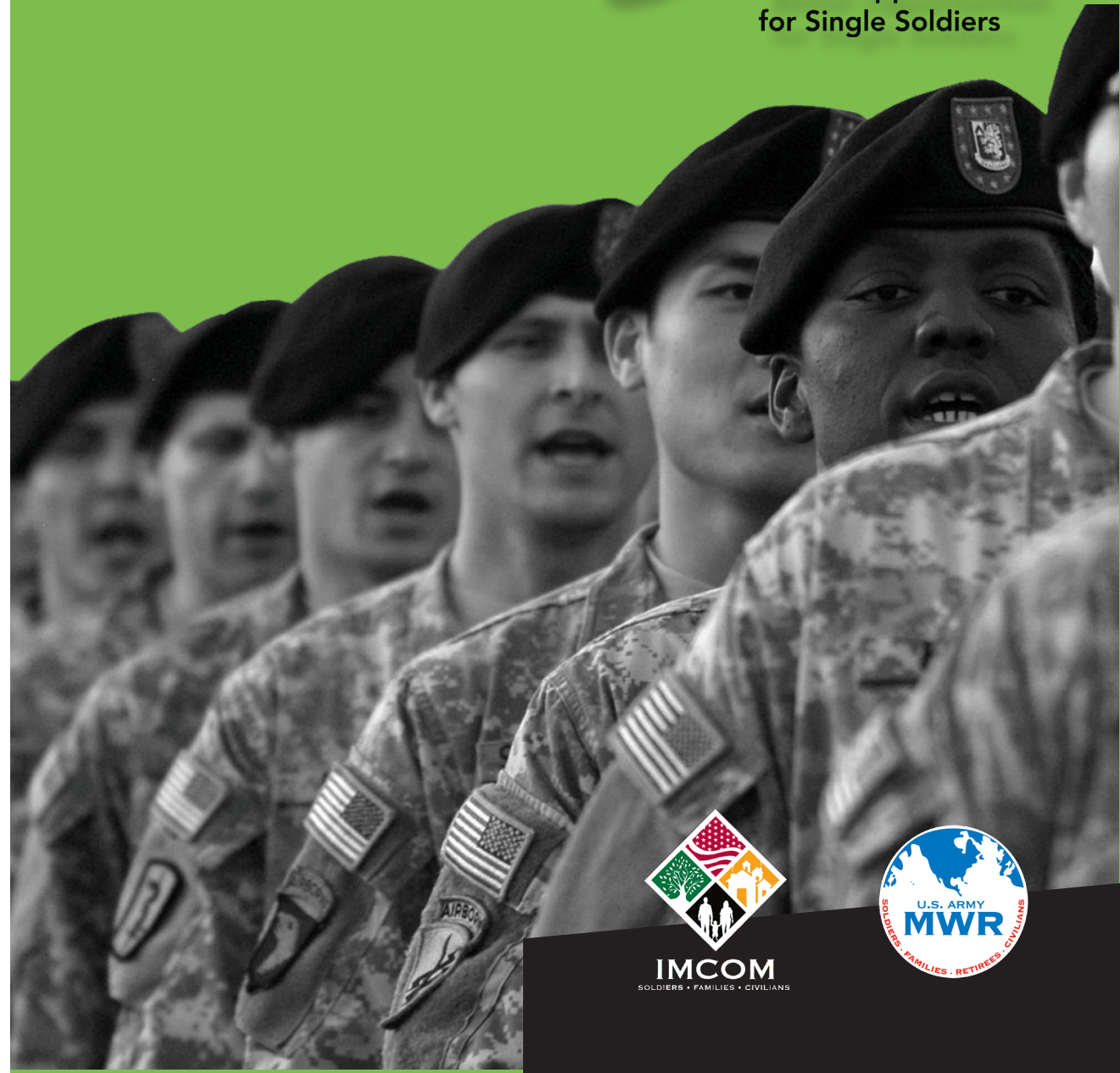
- Single Soldiers
- Single Parents
- Geo-Bachelors

Installation BOSS meetings
are Every 1st & 3rd
Thursday of the month
1330 at the Warrior Zone, Bldg. 3205

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BOSS

Better Opportunities
for Single Soldiers



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BOSS Components

The core components of Well Being, Community Service, and Recreation & Leisure are the Program's foundation. It is designed to be the collective voice for the single Soldier, supports and compliments the Chain of Command's mission.

Well-Being - For single Soldiers, Well-being includes those things that Soldiers can directly or indirectly influence to enhance their morale, living environment, or personal growth and development. The well being issues identified or raised during the BOSS meetings will be directed to the appropriated command or staff agency for resolution on the installation.

Recreation & Leisure Activities - Activities are planned by the BOSS committee or by the BOSS committee working in conjunction with other MWR activities. Soldiers assume a lead role in planning BOSS events. Events are planned to meet the needs & desires of the single Soldiers.

Community Service - The BOSS committee may elect to participate in community programs or projects that make a difference in the lives of others, in the community, and ultimately, in themselves. The service will be voluntary in nature in accordance with the installation volunteer program. The program can be implemented in support of existing or established volunteer programs or programs developed by the BOSS committee.

BOSS Mission Statement

To enhance the morale and welfare of single Soldiers, increase Soldier retention, and sustain combat readiness through: the planning and execution of community service; recreational and leisure events; identifying well being issues for resolution.

History of BOSS

In 1989, the US Army Community & Family Support Center (USACFSC) and MACOMS were tasked to develop a program to get single Soldiers involved in determining their recreation and leisure needs. Implementation of the BOSS program began with single Soldiers focus groups. In early workshops, QOL issues emerged along with recreation and leisure needs and were presented to the local command as part of the workshop out-brief.

In 1991, the Chief of Staff, U.S. Army, formally expanded the BOSS program to include all areas of single Soldiers' lives. This change provided single Soldiers with opportunity to surface quality of life issues through chain of command. During the evolution of the program, single Soldiers indicated a desire to participate in activities related to community support: this interest was adopted as another component of the program. At the 1995 Army-wide BOSS conference, attendees identified the lack of BOSS guidance & program standardization as one of the top five quality of life issues for single Soldiers.

Made up of motivated single Soldiers with a strong senior enlisted advisor and guidance from MWR, Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) is a program that supports the overall quality of life for single and unaccompanied Soldiers. The BOSS program supports the chain of command by identifying quality of life (QOL) issues and concerns among single Soldiers and provides recommendations for improvement. The BOSS program focuses on the active duty single Soldier but BOSS activities are open to all MWR patrons to include other branches of service, Department of Defense civilians, Foreign Service members, and married personnel.

