



### **Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers-explained**

The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Program supports the overall quality of single soldier's lives. BOSS identifies real quality of life issues and concerns by recommending improvements through the chain of command. BOSS encourages and assists single soldiers in Identifying and planning for recreational and leisure activities. Additionally, it gives single soldiers the opportunity to participate in and contribute to their communities.

#### **How BOSS works**

Installations established a formal BOSS program, to include a BOSS council consisting of single soldier representatives from installation units. Typically, the installation command sergeant major serves as the senior military advisor to the council. An installation Moral Welfare Recreation advisor is appointed to provide guidance in planning activities, financial accountability, and marketing. Motivated single soldiers with strong senior military and MWR guidance are the backbone of the BOSS Program.

#### **Who may participate in BOSS events?**

All events are targeted at single soldiers; however, some installation (to include Fort Carson) also includes single parents, unaccompanied soldiers and single officers. Although the intent of the BOSS Program is for single soldiers, events are typically open to authorized MWR users.

#### **What is the soldiers' role in BOSS?**

BOSS Councils are comprised of single soldiers from major subordinated commands and separate units on an installation. Single soldiers have the opportunity to become unit representatives, volunteer to assist in planning an event or attending BOSS activities. The Department of the Army BOSS Circular 608-04-1 defines the roles of the chain of command, BOSS Representatives and MWR personnel at all levels.

#### **BOSS Components**

##### **-Quality of Life**

Well being of single soldiers deals primarily with those things that the single soldier can directly or indirectly influence to enhance their quality of life, such as, morale, living environment, or personal growth and development. Some of the issues addressed by BOSS councils include dining facilities, education, fitness centers, soldiers' quarters, medical and dental care, commissary, and Army/Air Force Exchange Services. Quality Of Life issues identified or raised during BOSS meetings are directed to the appropriated command or staff agency for resolution and resolved at the lowest level.

##### **-Recreation and Leisure**

Recreation and Leisure activities may be planned solely by the BOSS council or in conjunction with other MWR activities. Soldiers assume the primary role in planning BOSS events. Events planned by BOSS councils should meet the needs and desires of single soldiers on the installations. Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers councils have sponsored events such as soldier talent competitions, concerts, dances and trips. BOSS may also coordinate with installation commercial sponsorship personnel when planning some major events.

**-Community Service**

BOSS councils often elect to participate in community programs or projects which make a difference in the lives of others, the community and ultimately, them. BOSS members have volunteered to take part in Big Brother/Big Sister, Special Olympics, and Habitat for Humanity among others. Some council has developed their own programs which include sending care packages to deployed soldiers and BOSS Against Drunk Drivers. This component is voluntary in nature and must be in accordance with the installation volunteer program.

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