



THE TOTAL ARMY SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

(This card is used to facilitate instruction, questions to ask – answers ETC... If the back is required – that's OK – but try to limit to one card for reference)

- Assist Soldiers and families during the reassignment process
- Assist families geographically separated due to duty requirements
- Improve unit cohesion and readiness by providing support, assistance, teaching teamwork, and encouraging development of a sense of responsibility.
- Sponsorship is mandatory for first-term Soldiers, but sponsors will be offered to every Soldier conducting a PCS move up to the rank of Colonel.
- Sponsors should: Be the same grade or above as the incoming Soldier.
- Have the same gender, marital status and MOS as the incoming Soldier; Be familiar with the unit or post.
- Not be the person being replaced by the incoming Soldier.
- Not be within 60 days of a PCS move.
- Be someone who will reflect positively on the unit.

Sponsors will send a welcome letter to the new Soldier within 10 days of being assigned as the sponsor. He/she should also telephone the incoming Soldier if possible, and respond to any follow-up correspondence. If necessary, Sponsors should also help with transportation for the new Soldier and his/her family.

- Why are sponsors important?
- Who gets a sponsor?
- What are the requirements for a sponsor?
- Who had a good sponsor? Why were they good?
- Who had a bad sponsor? Why were they bad?
- How can we as sponsors be a negative influence?
- How can we as sponsors be a positive influence?
- Where can we find out what is required of us as a sponsor? AR 600-8-8, The Total Army Sponsorship Program