

## Regarding "COMMAND FUNCTIONS"

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You cannot use MWR funds for ANY command function. A command function is defined as any function in which command "business" is discussed. For example, you are having a get-together and the opening remarks are something like this, "we've had such a hard week" or "we've done such a good job doing...". This has just become a "command function." MWR money is for fun and games, no work-related activities at all. The \$35 per person we give does not go very far in for paying for "fun" so we are very strict about ensuring that whatever is done with the money has to be non-work related.

With that said, you can use MWR funds for food for the full-time active duty personnel who are under your CO, but not for anyone else. You can buy food, cook food, go out to eat, bring in food, but you cannot provide it at no cost to any other people. And, NO COMMAND BUSINESS at the activity. Command business activities are to be paid for by the command. Now, you can contribute money or fund-raise money (not usually possible at embassies), and keep that money separate for birthdays, awards, hail & farewells, food for dependents, etc., from your MWR funds. Those are all prohibited uses of MWR funds. Whatever money you get apart from the MWR grants, you can do whatever you decide to do with it. We only set rules for the MWR funds. It is actually done in your own best interests. We don't want you to give up your recreational benefits if you are mandated to attend/participate, or if you have to listen to command business. That's no fun. We don't want anyone to take away your "fun" time/activities.

The list on Sample# 39 is only a partial list of prohibited uses. The references listed there are where the partial list was taken from so you can go to those documents and get a larger list. Remember that it would be impossible to list EVERY thing because some things come up later after the document is printed. They are only basic guidelines. If you are in doubt about what can and cannot be used out of the MWR funds, ask. Contact me. I will tell you.

Remember, too, that you cannot use MWR funds to single out anyone. Thus, hail & farewell, birthday, flowers for birth or death, awards, etc. are prohibited uses.

Buy grills, coolers, balls & bats, tickets to sporting activities, tours, etc. but, ONLY for full-time active duty personnel under your CO.