

## **Option 20 Items**

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### **Identifying Soldiers in Alaska**

#### **What is your current duty station?**

[Fort Richardson or Fort Wainwright]

(BRANCH IF Fort Richardson, AK or Fort Wainwright, AK selected):

#### **When you enlisted did you choose Alaska as your first duty station (i.e., chose Option 20)?**

[YES/NO]

BRANCH IF “Yes” to Option 20 question:

**Please select which of the following influenced your decision to pick Alaska (select all that apply):**

- I wanted to go Airborne
- I wanted to know where I was going
- Desire for adventure
- Extra duty pay
- To move far away from home
- I like the cold
- Recreational opportunities (e.g., snowboarding, hunting)
- Recruiter recommendation
- Friend or family recommendation
- The Mission in the Artic
- Other – Please specify [please do not include PII in response]

| <b>How much do you agree with the following statements?</b>                                                                             | <b>Strongly disagree</b> | <b>Disagree</b> | <b>Neither agree nor disagree</b> | <b>Agree</b> | <b>Strongly agree</b> |
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| I feel connected to the Mission of my unit.                                                                                             |                          |                 |                                   |              |                       |
| I gain useful MOS skills at my current duty station                                                                                     |                          |                 |                                   |              |                       |
| I could successfully perform by job at any duty station                                                                                 |                          |                 |                                   |              |                       |
| I receive the training and experience I want at my duty station                                                                         |                          |                 |                                   |              |                       |
| My current duty station is a good first duty station for new Soldiers                                                                   |                          |                 |                                   |              |                       |
| I find the all-day dark/light impacts my performance                                                                                    |                          |                 |                                   |              |                       |
| I find the all-day dark/light impacts my happiness/well-being                                                                           |                          |                 |                                   |              |                       |
| I am satisfied with my pay                                                                                                              |                          |                 |                                   |              |                       |
| I think people drink more alcohol at my duty station compared to other duty stations.                                                   |                          |                 |                                   |              |                       |
| The Mission 100 program connects Soldiers with a mental health professional. The program has been beneficial to Soldiers who need help. |                          |                 |                                   |              |                       |
| My leadership cares about my mental health and well-being                                                                               |                          |                 |                                   |              |                       |
| I can do my hobbies at my duty station                                                                                                  |                          |                 |                                   |              |                       |
| I have been able to make new friends at my post                                                                                         |                          |                 |                                   |              |                       |
| My Army issued clothing (e.g., gloves, boots) is well-designed to help me perform my job.                                               |                          |                 |                                   |              |                       |

| <b>How much do you agree with the following statements?</b>                             | <b>Strongly disagree</b> | <b>Disagree</b> | <b>Neither agree nor disagree</b> | <b>Agree</b> | <b>Strongly agree</b> |
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| My Army issued clothing (e.g., gloves, boots) works for the weather at my duty station. |                          |                 |                                   |              |                       |
| I needed to buy my own civilian clothing to help me perform my job.                     |                          |                 |                                   |              |                       |
| My Army issued gear (e.g., weapons, tools) is well-designed to help me perform my job.  |                          |                 |                                   |              |                       |
| My Army issued gear (e.g., weapons, tools) works for the weather at my duty station.    |                          |                 |                                   |              |                       |
| I have the gear (e.g., weapons, tools) that's required to successfully do my job.       |                          |                 |                                   |              |                       |

| <b>How much do you agree with the following statements?</b>                                   | <b>Strongly disagree</b> | <b>Disagree</b> | <b>Neither agree nor disagree</b> | <b>Agree</b> | <b>Strongly agree</b> | <b>Not applicable/ Don't know</b> |
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| My first-level supervisor knows how to get the job done in a cold weather climate             |                          |                 |                                   |              |                       |                                   |
| My first-level supervisor knows how to get the job done in a hot weather climate              |                          |                 |                                   |              |                       |                                   |
| My higher-level NCOs know how to get the job done in a cold weather climate                   |                          |                 |                                   |              |                       |                                   |
| My higher-level NCOs know how to get the job done in a hot weather climate                    |                          |                 |                                   |              |                       |                                   |
| My leaders do everything they can to prevent CWIs (Cold Weather Injuries)                     |                          |                 |                                   |              |                       |                                   |
| My leaders do everything they can to prevent heat injuries                                    |                          |                 |                                   |              |                       |                                   |
| Soldiers in my unit would feel comfortable reporting a possible CWI to our supervisor         |                          |                 |                                   |              |                       |                                   |
| Soldiers in my unit would feel comfortable reporting a possible heat injury to our supervisor |                          |                 |                                   |              |                       |                                   |

| <b>Please indicate how satisfied you are with each of the items below.</b> | <b>Not at all satisfied</b> | <b>Slightly satisfied</b> | <b>Moderately satisfied</b> | <b>Very satisfied</b> | <b>Extremely satisfied</b> | <b>Not applicable/ Don't know</b> |
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| Quality of the DFAC food                                                   |                             |                           |                             |                       |                            |                                   |

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| Wait time for the DFAC                                         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Amount of food you receive at the DFAC                         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Quality of your barracks                                       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Quality of the maintenance services in the barracks            |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Quality of the medical treatment you have received on-post     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Amount of time it takes for you to be seen for a medical issue |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Activities available on post                                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Activities available off post                                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Availability of the BOSS activities                            |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Physical fitness facilities                                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employment opportunities for your spouse                       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Childcare availability                                         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Availability of family support services and activities         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Your PCS process                                               |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Your overall quality of life at your post                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**I was satisfied with my sponsor.**

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Agree
- Strongly agree
- Does Not Apply/I did not receive a sponsor

**Since arriving to my post, my mental health has:**

- Gotten much worse
- Gotten worse
- Stayed the same
- Gotten better
- Gotten much better

**Since arriving to my post, my physical health has:**

- Gotten much worse
- Gotten worse
- Stayed the same

- Gotten better
- Gotten much better

**I feel isolated from others.**

- Never
- Rarely
- Sometimes
- Very often
- Always

**I feel lonely.**

- Never
- Rarely
- Sometimes
- Very often
- Always

Since arriving at this duty station:

Have you wished you were dead or wished you could go to sleep and not wake up?

- Yes
- No

Since arriving at this duty station:

Have you actually had any thoughts of killing yourself?

- Yes
- No

IF the answer to either question is “yes”, ask the following questions.

Have you been thinking about how you might do this?

- Yes
- No

Have you had these thoughts ***and*** had some intention of acting on them?

- Yes
- No

Have you started to work out or worked out the details of how to kill yourself?

- Yes
- No

Do you intend to carry out this plan?

- Yes
- No

**What makes you unlikely to reenlist?**

- Better job opportunities outside the Army
- Bureaucracy
- Difficulty meeting physical requirements
- Family problems at home
- Homesickness
- Illness/medical condition
- Lack of motivation/boredom
- Not getting along with others
- Not getting desired military job
- Problems adjusting to Army life
- Problems with supervisors
- Racial discrimination
- Sexual harassment
- Sexual or gender discrimination
- Want to pursue education goals outside
- Want to spend more time with family
- Want to start a family
- Poor first duty station experience
- Lack of deployment opportunities
- Other please specify [please do not include PII in response] Text entry

**Please provide any additional comments [please do not include PII in response] Text entry**