

## Notes...from the Detailer

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### “Can My Family Do a DITY Move to Okinawa?”

The average PCS Navy move costs around \$11K—it’s expensive to keep personnel and families moving on time. At a couple of the PDTs, I shared that the unofficial FY04 PCS budget for the Chaplain Corps is projected to be approximately \$1.2M. By that time, a PCS move will probably run around \$12K. So, if you have \$1.2M and it costs \$12K to make a move, then we can move 100 chaplains in FY 04. At that rate, it will take nine years to move the entire Chaplain Corps (since we will have an inventory of 900+ chaplains, thanks to our incredible recruiters). Even if we were able to execute 40 “no-cost” moves per year (that’s stretching it), it would still take six and a half years to move every one. What do some individual PCS moves cost? I’m glad you asked. Here are a few examples:

LT (2 kids)	NORFOLK to NAPLES	\$17,905
LT (w/spouse)	SAN DIEGO to SASEBO	\$13,823
LCDR (3 kids)	PENSACOLA to PEARL HARBOR	\$23,483
LCDR (1 kid)	GREAT LAKES to OKINAWA	\$16,980
CDR (2 kids)	GULFPORT to CAMP PENDLETON	\$13,292
CDR (single)	BANGOR, WA to BAHRAIN	\$18,273
CAPT (2 kids)	YOKOSUKA to MAYPORT	\$20,020
CAPT (spouse)	CAMP LEJEUNE to KEFLAVIK	\$18,872

See how quickly the money runs out? We are still entertaining all extension requests that do not upset career progression needs for yourself or someone else who may need the billet you’re in. We have a challenge ahead of us that we as a Corps must face. There are no easy answers.

No, you can’t do a family DITY move to Okinawa, but thanks for asking.