

We are pleased to announce that a recent change in Marine Corps Installations West-Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton policy gives privatized military family housing providers the discretion to permit privately-owned, portable air-conditioner use in order to improve resident quality of life, subject to restrictions in certain communities. In previous years, command policy limited portable air-conditioner use aboard the installation.

Lincoln Military Housing residents at MCB, Camp Pendleton may request authorization to use two portable air-conditioning units of up to 8,000 BTU's each, to enhance comfort in parts of the home during warmer periods of the year. Residents that wish to install and use portable air-conditioners should complete and submit the attached modification request to their respective Lincoln Military Housing District Office.

Homes in Stuart Mesa District and the Edson community of Edson District are limited to one portable air-conditioning unit of no more than 6000 BTU's due to electrical infrastructure limitations. Electrical systems in the Serra Mesa community of Mesa District do not support portable air-conditioner use: portable air-conditioners cannot be authorized for this community.

Central heating and air-conditioning units in San Luis Rey, O'Neill Heights, and O'Neill Heights East homes are adequate to provide comfortable household temperatures, thus portable air-conditioning is not indicated for these communities. If residents of these communities experience difficulty or believe their existing units aren't working properly, they should contact Lincoln at Your Service at 1-888-578-4747 immediately.

We ask that residents be mindful that decisions to use portable air-conditioning units will result in increased electricity usage and costs. If you decide to seek approval for use, please consult the information provided by your local District Office and energy efficiency guides, such as the tools available at ENERGYSTAR.GOV prior to purchasing portable air-conditioning units. Increased electricity costs may be significant, depending on the number and type of portable air-conditioners used, duration of use and per kWh cost of electricity. An example follows for a single 8000 BTU unit used 10 hours per day for one month under SDG&E electric rates:

Assumptions

2.3 kWh = hourly electricity use for 8000 BTU portable air-conditioning unit

\$.47515 = SDG&E Summer Tier 2 electricity cost per kWh

10 hours = hours used per day

30 days = days used per month

Potential Cost

2.34 kWh x \$.47515 x 10 = \$11.12 for one day's use*

2.34 kWh x \$.47515 x 10 x 30 = \$333.56 for one month's use*

*Estimate only: actual costs may be higher or lower

We believe this initiative is a very positive step in enhancing our residents' military family housing experience. Please contact your Lincoln Military Housing District Office should you have questions or need further assistance.