

MILITARY NEWS AND NOTES

Smart Steps In A Military Move

(NAPSA)—According to Department of Defense data, about one in three military personnel moves every year. If you're among them this year, heeding 18 hints can help make the move smoother:

Ahead Of Time

- First, schedule your move by making an appointment with the military base property transportation office.

- Inform the base landlord or housing office of your departure and arrival.

- Estimate how big a truck you'll need and reserve it.

- Get boxes and supplies for packing.

- Pack out-of-season and non-essential items early.

- Lighten your load. Donate unwanted items to charity or hold a garage sale.

- Consider travel arrangements for any pets.

- Make copies of medical records, birth certificates and so on. Store all needed documents in one place.

- Change your address with the post office, banks, credit card companies and magazines.

- Call service providers and utilities to schedule turn-on.

- Secure moving-day help.

- Work with companies that understand each military branch's different rules and regulations, especially if you're involved in a quick turnaround move made with little notice. Penske Truck Rental, for example, has a specialized toll-free call center at (844) 4TROOPS ((844) 487-6677) to assist active and veteran members of the U.S. military and their families with do-it-yourself moves. All call center associates are either veterans themselves or have a family member who has been or is currently in active or reserve duty.

To make your move easier, the company not only provides great trucks at over 2,000 convenient locations, it has a military dis-



Before your next move, get help. Ask friends and family to save the date and reserve sitters for your kids and pets.

count of 10 percent. If you book your rental online, you'll save an additional 10 percent automatically. Plus, Penske will match any competitive offer on one-way truck rentals for active military personnel or veterans.

What's more, it's the only national truck rental company with free unlimited miles on one-way rentals anywhere in the United States.

- Pick up your rental truck the day before to save time on moving day.

Moving Day

- Finish packing, taping and labeling boxes.

- Prepare major appliances and electronics for the move.

- Secure dresser drawers and appliance doors with rope and tape.

- Assemble a moving-day kit, including directions, map, GPS, checkbook, credit cards, military and other IDs, eyeglasses, sunglasses, prescription drugs, flashlight, water, snacks, games for kids, and old and new house keys.

- Watch your weight. Since a military do-it-yourself move requires that you weigh your vehicle before you load it and after, Penske offers a free Certified Public Scale Locator to make finding a scale easier.

Learn more at www.pensketruckrental.com/discounts/military.html.