

Gambling in the Military

- Studies consistently find **gambling addiction rates** among **active-duty and veterans are significantly higher** than the general population.
- Individuals with gambling addiction can create a **critical readiness problem**. They have higher rates of bankruptcy, domestic violence and suicide as well as extensive co-occurring substance abuse and mental health disorders.
- An estimated **36,000** active duty members meet criteria for a gambling problem.
- **Gambling treatment services** are the **most ethical and economical way** to help prevent problems, protect mental health and improve readiness.
- At least **3,000 slot machines** at military installations overseas are available to members of the Armed Forces and their families.



Slots at Ramstein AFB Officer's Club

- It is estimated that these slot machines generate over **\$100,000,000** in profits.
- **None of these profits or any DoD funds are dedicated to programs to prevent or treat gambling addiction.**

Prevention & treatment programs reduce costs, improve morale, welfare & readiness and most importantly save lives.

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