The Post 9/11 GI Bill and Your UCA Housing Allowance

Five Things You Should Know

1. Your BAH is based on the zip code your school is in, not the zip you live in. http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/bahCalc.cfm

2. When looking for a place to live pay special attention to the cost of utilities. The cost of your utilities will not have any effect on how much money you receive in your BAH.

3. Consider sharing rent with another person. A shared two bedroom apartment will be cheaper than a single apartment.

4. There are housing options in the community that are approved by the University of Central Arkansas on and off campus. http://uca.edu/housing

5. When leasing be sure you understand the length of the contract, and what that means to you financially. If you are going to have a roommate then find out if you will be held financial responsible if your roommate leaves.

HOW MUCH BAH?

Your Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) is generally the same as the military Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) for an E-5 with dependents. Your MHA is based on the ZIP code for your school. For 2015 the monthly BAH at the University of Central Arkansas for 100% it is $1335.00. MHA rate increases based on BAH increases are effective August 1 (the beginning date of the academic year). http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/resources/benefits_resources/rates/ch33/