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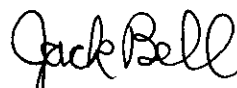
MEMORANDUM FOR: SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
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SUBJECT: Space-Available (Space-A) Transportation for Dual Uniformed Services
Member Spouses with Dependent Children

Effective immediately, certain dual Uniformed Services member parents/step-parents may accompany their dependent children regardless of which parent is designated as the sponsor in the Defense Eligibility and Enrollment Reporting System (DEERS). The policy applies to Uniformed Services members on active duty, retired from active duty, and retired Reserve/Guard members 60 years or older who are receiving retired pay. This change eliminates the current restriction which only allows the designated sponsor to accompany a dependent child traveling Space-A.

The designated military sponsor may give the military non-sponsor parent the authority to accompany their dependent child when traveling Space-A on DoD aircraft. The sponsor parent must authorize the non-sponsor parent in writing with his or her signature notarized. The letter is valid for 180 days from the date it was signed and notarized. Only the original letter with the sponsor's signature notarized may be accepted for Space-A travel. The military non-sponsor parent must carry this authorization letter during all phases of travel along with his or her valid military identification card. Attached is a sample authorization letter. Dependent children shall travel in the same category of travel as the military non-sponsor parent.

This policy will be incorporated in DoD 4515.13-R, "Air Transportation Eligibility," which is under revision. My point of contact is Lt Col Holmes, OADUSD (TP), 703-601-4461, extension 110.


Jack Bell

Attachment:
As stated



SAMPLE
DUAL PARENT/STEP PARENT
AUTHORIZATION LETTER

(date)

SMSgt John Q. Public
549 Harvard Avenue
Anytown, VA 22202

Subject: Authorization for Non-Sponsor Parent to Accompany Dependent Children on Space-Available Travel

To Whom It May Concern:

I, SMSgt John Q. Public, USAF, SSN XXX-XX-1111 (last 4 of SSN required), authorize MSgt Ann Q. Brown, USA, SSN XXX-XX-2222, the non-sponsor parent of the child(ren) listed below to accompany them on Department of Defense sponsored space-available flights. Dependent children shall travel in the same category of travel as the military non-sponsor parent.

Full Name	Age	SSN (last 4)	Relationship to Sponsor
Joshua D. Public	14	XXX-XX-3333	Son
Elizabeth Q. Public	9	XXX-XX-4444	Daughter

Sponsor Contact Information
Home Address: (if different from above)
Duty Phone Number: 555-229-4593
Home Phone Number: 555-229-5555

(Sponsor's printed name and signature)

This letter requires an original notarized signature of the military sponsor of the dependent child(ren) as identified in the Defense Eligibility and Enrollment Reporting System (DEERS). This letter is valid for 180 days from the date of notarized signature.

Attachment 1