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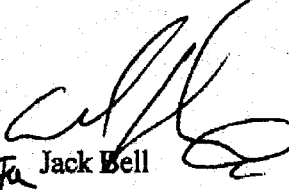
SUBJECT: Space-Available Travel Upgrade for Family Members of Service Members
Deployed for more than 365 Days

Reference: DUSD (L&MR) memo dated December 6, 2007, Subject: Space Available
Travel for Dependents of Deployed Military Members

In a continuing effort to recognize the unwavering support and contributions of spouses and dependent children of our deployed military members, the provision in the referenced policy memo is revised for family members whose sponsors are serving on deployments exceeding 365 consecutive days. Eligible family members are authorized to travel space-available, unaccompanied in Category III status, prioritized below Category III active duty personnel and their accompanied dependents. Eligible family members may commence travel in Category III status effective on the first day of the military member's deployment. For military members who deployed for 365 days or less, but were extended beyond 365 days, eligible family members may travel in Category III status effective on the date the extension beyond 365 days was ordered. Attachment 1 provides specific implementation rules and Attachment 2 is a sample authorization letter.

This policy guidance is effective immediately and will be incorporated into DoD Regulation 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

Attachments:
As stated



Unaccompanied Dependents of Military Members Deployed for More than 365 Consecutive Days

1. Unaccompanied dependents of deployed military members, including Reserve and Guard personnel, when the deployment order is for **more than 365** consecutive days, are authorized to travel space-available, unaccompanied in Category III. This includes Navy personnel assigned to a deployed ship with Permanent Change of Station orders. Eligible family members will be prioritized below Category III active duty Service Members and their accompanying family members. For military members whose deployment orders indicate the duration of the deployment is for 365 days or less, but were extended beyond 365 days, may travel in Category III status effective on the date the extension beyond 365 days was ordered. The extension order date and the new deployment duration must be annotated on the verification letter signed by the deployed member's commander. This authorization is only valid for the duration of the deployment period of the military member.
2. Space-A travel is authorized to/from CONUS and OCONUS locations, between CONUS locations, and within/between OCONUS theaters. All travel will be on a noninterference (nonreimbursable) basis.
3. Eligible dependents may sign-up for Space-A travel no earlier than 10 days prior to the military member's deployment. In addition, eligible dependents may commence travel effective on the first day of military member's deployment when the deployment order is for greater than 365 days or on the date the extension exceeding 365 days was ordered. Space-A travel must be complete by the last day of the military member's deployment.
4. Eligible dependents must present to the air terminal personnel a verification letter signed by the member's commander verifying the member's deployment. The documentation must be in the dependents' possession during travel. Furthermore, commanders or designated representatives should inform spouses and dependents of the following: "Space-A travel program is a privilege (not an entitlement). The military does not guarantee transportation to the final destination or return travel. The military is not responsible for providing lodging, ground transportation, meals or other incidental expenses incurred during Space-A travel if flights are delayed, diverted or canceled."

SAMPLE
UNACCOMPANIED DEPENDENT OF DEPLOYED MILITARY MEMBER
VERIFICATION LETTER

Date

MEMORANDUM FOR AMC PASSENGER SERVICE AGENTS

FROM: 31st Fighter Wing
Aviano AB, Italy
APO AE 09604

SUBJECT: Dependent Verification Letter

1. The individuals listed below are dependents of MSgt Cindy D. Public, USAF, SSAN XXX-XX-1234 (Last 4 only).

<u>Dependents Names</u>	<u>SSAN</u>	<u>Relationship to Sponsor</u>
Richard C. Public	XXX-XX-5678	Husband
Richie C. Public	XXX-XX-1256	Son
Shaun E. Public	XXX-XX-3478	Son

2. In accordance with DoD 4515.13-R, "Air Transportation Eligibility," this letter verifies these dependents are authorized space-available (Space-A) air transportation to/from CONUS and OCONUS locations, between CONUS locations, and within/between OCONUS theaters, unaccompanied only during the sponsor's deployment, starting on (state military member's departure date) and ending on (state military member's return date). (If original deployment orders indicate 365 days or less, but member was extended beyond 365 days, provide date of extension order.)

3. Dependents under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an eligible parent or legal guardian. For additional information or questions please contact our unit at DSN XXX-XXX-XXXX or Commercial (XXX) XXX-XXXX.

4. I certify the dependents listed above were briefed the following: "Space-A travel program is a privilege (not an entitlement). The military does not guarantee transportation to the final destination or return travel. The military is not responsible for providing lodging, ground transportation, meals or other incidental expenses incurred during Space-A travel if flights are delayed, diverted or canceled."

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Commander

Attachment 2