



Wounded Warrior Pay and Entitlements Handbook

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Handbook Purpose

This publication is intended to serve as an explanation of pay and entitlements for members of the U.S. military who are injured while serving in a combat zone and receiving medical treatment at military facilities outside of the zone. Wounded Warriors and their families are encouraged to contact their local military finance office for any updates to the information contained in this handbook. Your local finance office will have designated personnel assigned as the Wounded Warrior Pay Management Team (WWPMT).

Wounded Warrior Pay Management Team Mission

To provide accurate and real-time financial support to service members who are medically evacuated as a result of wounds, disease or injury incurred while serving in a combat zone. Additionally, to provide the critical human dimension of world-class customer service to Wounded Warriors.

For the most up to date content, please visit our website at <http://www.dfas.mil/dfas/militarymembers/woundedwarrior/woundedwarriorpay.html>.

Combat Zone Tax Exclusion (CZTE)

Combat Zone Tax Exclusion, or CZTE, allows military members to exclude all or a portion of pay and entitlements earned while serving in designated combat areas from tax liabilities. CZTE is authorized for each month during which the member is hospitalized in an inpatient status as a result of wounds, disease, or injury incurred while serving in a combat zone. Wounded Warriors may qualify for CZTE up to two years after conflict is officially declared ended if re-hospitalized due to the same injury.

Example 1:

SGT Todd leaves a combat zone on March 16, 2007, and begins outpatient care on March 17, 2007. SGT Todd continues outpatient care, and is never re-hospitalized as an inpatient due to the same injury. In this case, SGT Todd would receive CZTE through the end of the month of March 2007.

Example 2:

SGT Todd leaves a combat zone on March 16, 2007, and moves from inpatient care to outpatient care on April 2, 2007. After this move to outpatient care, SGT Todd is never re-hospitalized as an inpatient due to the same injury. In this case, CZTE would be received through April 2007 since SGT Todd was an inpatient during the month.

Example 3:

SGT Todd leaves a combat zone on March 16, 2007, and remains an inpatient until April 20, 2007. SGT Todd is never re-hospitalized as an inpatient due to the same injury. In this case, SGT Todd would receive CZTE through the month of April 2007 when outpatient care began.

Example 4:

SGT Todd leaves a combat zone on March 16, 2006, and remains an inpatient until May 20, 2006. SGT Todd is re-hospitalized as an inpatient due to the same injury in January and February 2007. SGT Todd would receive CZTE through the month of May 2006, and also for the entire months of January and February in 2007.

For questions or more information, see your local military finance office.

Hardship Duty Pay - Location (HDP-L)

Hardship Duty Pay - Location, or HDP-L, is payable to service members performing duty in areas designated by the Secretary of Defense as hardship duty. The OIF/OEF daily rate is currently \$3.33, and the monthly rate is \$100. Wounded Warriors are entitled to HDP-L for up to 12 months after injury as long as they remain in a continuous hospitalized status. A member is considered hospitalized if he/she is admitted as an inpatient, or is receiving extensive rehabilitation as an outpatient at a facility that is affiliated with the military health care system, and attached/assigned to a medical/patient unit. An example for the Army would be the assignment/attachment to a Warrior Transition Unit (WTU).

Hostile Fire Pay/Imminent Danger Pay (HFP)

Hostile Fire Pay/Imminent Danger Pay, or HFP, is paid to military

personnel serving in an area designated by the President. HFP is paid at a rate of \$225.00 per month without proration and regardless of pay grade. This includes most areas affected by Operations Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Iraqi Freedom (OIF). HFP entitlement begins upon entry into a designated area and continues or stops as follows:

Effective May 15, 2008, this entitlement will continue for up to twelve months past the month of injury as long as the patient is hospitalized. A Warrior is considered hospitalized if he/she is admitted as an inpatient, or is receiving extensive rehabilitation as an outpatient at a facility that is affiliated with the military health care system and attached/assigned to a medical/patient unit.

HDP and HFP Examples

Example 1:

Chief Smith is medically evacuated on March 16 from a combat zone. Chief Smith will continue receiving HDP and HFP for up to 12 months after the month of MEDEVAC as long as he remains in continuous hospitalized status.

Example 2:

Chief Smith is medically evacuated on March 16 from a combat zone. Chief Smith then returns to duty in the combat zone on April 12. Since Chief Smith was away from the zone for less than 30 days, HDP and HFP payments should be paid continuously without break, regardless of hospitalization status between MEDEVAC and redeployment to the combat zone.

Example 3:

Chief Smith is medically evacuated from a combat zone on March 16. Chief Smith returns to the zone on April 28. If Chief Smith was in a continuous hospitalization status for the period of March 16- April 28, his HDP and HFP would continue. However if Chief Smith was not in a continuous hospitalized status HDP and HFP would stop once Chief Smith was no longer hospitalized and restart on April 28.

Example 4:

CPL Lang leaves the combat zone on April 15, designated to receive outpatient care at a military hospital. CPL Lang is receiving extensive rehabilitation in a facility affiliated with the military healthcare system, or is assigned/attached to a Warrior Transition Unit (WTU). CPL Lang departs hospital and WTU on 2 August to his unit located at his Permanent Duty Station in a status of return to duty. HDP and HFP continue through the end of the month of August.

Example 5:

CPL Lang is medically evacuated from the combat zone on August 1, 2006 and is in an inpatient status until October 1, 2006. CPL Lang is then transferred and assigned to the WTU until the end of November as an outpatient. CPL Lang is entitled to HDP, HFP and CZTE for August, September, and October. For November CPL Lang is authorized HDP and HFP at the taxable rate.

Family Separation Allowance

Family Separation Allowance (FSA) is paid at the rate of \$250.00 per month or prorated at \$8.33 per day. FSA is payable to service members with dependents assigned away from their permanent duty station continuously for more than 30 days in a TDY or TCS status when all of the member's dependents are not residing at or near the temporary station.

FSA continues or stops as follows:

- Entitlement continues to accrue to the member if one or more, but not all, dependents visit at or near the TDY/TCS station for more than 30 days, if the member is otherwise entitled on behalf of the dependent(s) who are not visiting the member.
- Entitlement stops when all of the member's dependents visit at or near the TDY/TCS station for 30 days or longer (stops effective on the 31st day).
- Entitlement stops on the day prior to getting PCS'd to new permanent duty station.
- Entitlement stops on the day prior to returning to home station.

Family Separation Allowance (FSA) Examples

Example 1:

TSgt Hall returns home from a combat zone for medical treatment that is away from permanent duty station from January 10 to July 15. TSgt Hall has four dependents including a spouse and three children. Unfortunately, no dependents are able to join him. FSA continues uninterrupted while TSgt Hall is at the treatment facility.

Example 2:

TSgt Hall returns home from a combat zone for medical treatment that is away from permanent duty station from January 10 to July 15. TSgt Hall has four dependents including a spouse and three children. On January 25th, TSgt Hall's spouse and children join TSgt Hall full time. Since every dependent is at or near their temporary station continuously for over 30 consecutive days, FSA ends on January 31.

Example 3:

TSgt Hall returns home from a combat zone for medical treatment that is away from permanent duty station from January 10 to July 15. Out of four dependents, TSgt Hall's spouse and two of the children join TSgt Hall full time. Since not every dependent is at or near the temporary duty station continuously for over 30 days, FSA continues.

Example 4:

TSgt Hall returns home from a combat zone for medical treatment away from permanent duty station from January 10 to July 15. Out of four dependents, TSgt Hall's spouse and two of their children join TSgt Hall full time. TSgt Hall's other child still visits as often as possible, but is not able to reside near the station continuously. Since not every dependent is at or near the temporary duty station continuously for over 30 days, FSA

continues.

Example 5:

TSgt Hall returns home from a combat zone for medical treatment away from permanent duty station from January 10 to July 15. TSgt Hall has four dependents including a spouse and three children. On January 25th TSgt Hall's spouse joins full time, but TSgt Hall's children just visit when able on long weekends and school breaks. Since only one dependent is at or near the temporary duty station continuously for over 30 days, FSA is still paid through complete stay.

Combat-Related Injury & Rehabilitation Pay (CIP)

Effective May 15 2008, the Pay and Allowance Continuation (PAC) program has replaced CIP. CIP was an entitlement payable prior to May 15 2008 at up to \$430 a month. Eligible Wounded Warriors already receiving HFP are paid \$205 a month. Service Members who were medically evacuated out of a combat zone and considered "hospitalized" were entitled to CIP. For the purposes of CIP entitlement, a Wounded Warrior is considered hospitalized if he/she is admitted as an inpatient or is receiving extensive rehabilitation as an outpatient while living in quarters affiliated with the military health care system.

Wounded Warriors are still eligible to claim retroactive periods of CIP qualification. Contact your local finance office if you believe you should have earned CIP for a time period but did not receive the entitlement.

Pay and Allowance Continuation (PAC)

As of May 15 2008, the Pay and Allowance Continuation (PAC) program replaced CIP. Members of the Regular or Reserve Components who, in the line of duty, incurred a wound, injury, or illness while serving in a combat operation or a combat zone, while serving in a hostile fire area, or while exposed to a hostile fire event (regardless of location), and are hospitalized for treatment of the wound, injury, or illness shall continue to receive the pay and allowances he/she received at the time of hospitalization. These entitlements include special and incentive pays, bonuses, and the daily incidental expense portion of temporary duty allowance authorized for members deployed in a combat operation or combat zone. This entitlement may continue for up to 12 months.

To be eligible, the member must have been serving wounded, ill, or injured in a combat operation or a combat zone, a hostile fire area, or while exposed to a hostile fire event, and is hospitalized for treatment of such wound, injury, or illness. The member may be considered hospitalized if their orders indicate attachment or assignment to a medical/patient unit for duty. Examples of such units include Military Treatment Facilities (MTF), Warrior Transition Units (WTU), Community Based Warrior Transition Units (CBWTU), VA Polytrauma Centers, and the SOCOM Care Coalition.

PAC program eligibility terminates on the last day of the month during which any of the following occur:

- Warrior has received the maximum of 12 months of PAC.

- Warrior is returned to full-duty status in other than a medical or patient unit (for example, WTU for the Army or Warrior Regiment for the Marines). Warrior will be deemed “returned for assignment to other than medical/patient unit for duty” when the member receives assignment orders to such other unit and is determined to be fit to perform full military duties.
- Warrior is discharged, separated, or retired (including temporary disability retirement)

Health Professional Officers, certified current as of November 2003, in consultation with the warrior’s chain of command determine when a warrior is found to be able or unable to perform full military duties.

For more information, visit your local military finance office.

Savings Deposit Program (SDP)

The DOD Savings Deposit Program (SDP) was established to provide members of the uniformed services serving in a designated combat zone the opportunity to build their financial savings. Amounts up to \$10,000.00 may be deposited, earning 10% interest annually. Members must be receiving Hostile Fire Pay and be deployed for at least 30 consecutive days, or 1 day in each of 3 consecutive months in order to participate in the program.

Withdrawal Procedures

Withdrawal requests may be emailed to CCL-SDP@dfas.mil (SDP mailbox), or faxed to (216) 522-5060 “Attention: SDP”. Members may submit a withdrawal request online using myPay. Additionally, requests can be mailed to the following address:

DFAS- Cleveland Center (DFAS-CL)
ATTN: SDP
Special Claims
1240 East 9th St.
Cleveland, OH 44199-2055

Members must include name, social security number, and date of departure from the combat zone. Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) information must include the bank name, routing number, account number, and account type (savings or checking). If a hard copy check is requested, a complete mailing address must also be provided. Make sure that your allotment has stopped before requesting withdrawal.

Withdrawals

Members may close their SDP accounts only after departing the combat zone. Interest will continue to accrue on the account up to 90 days after departure from the combat zone. Should the 90 day period end on any day other than the last day of a month, interest will accrue through the last day of the preceding month. If the 90-day period ends on the last day of a month, interest accrues for that month. Members in a combat zone may withdraw accrued interest over the \$10,000.00 principal quarterly.

Withdrawals of funds on deposit may be made in an emergency only when the health or welfare of a member or dependents would be jeopardized if the withdrawal were not granted. Emergency withdrawals must be authorized by the members’ com-

manding officer.

DFAS will automatically transfer the balance of any dormant SDP account, 120 days after the qualifying duty assignment terminates, to the military pay account of the SDP account owner.

SDP Help Line

Toll Free (Stateside Only): 1-888-332-7411
Commercial: 216-522-5096; DSN: 580-5096
Fax: (Attention SDP): 216-522-5060
Email: CCL-SDP@dfas.mil

Traumatic Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance

TSGLI is an entitlement that Wounded Warriors may receive if they are covered by Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance (SGLI), and they sustain an injury that results in 15 days of continuous in-patient hospital care or certain severe losses, such as loss of a limb, sensory loss, blindness, severe burns, and inability to perform activities of daily living. All members of the uniformed services that have part-time or fulltime SGLI are automatically covered by TSGLI while the member is in service. TSGLI coverage will pay a benefit from \$25,000 to \$100,000 depending on eligibility and the severity of the loss resulting from traumatic injury. For more information contact the Office of SGLI by phone at 1-800-419-1473, or visit the TSGLI Web site at

<https://www.insurance.va.gov/sgliSite/TSGLI/TSGLI.htm>

Frequently Asked TSGLI questions

Q. Who is covered under TSGLI?

Effective December 1, 2005, every member who has SGLI also has TSGLI.

Q. Can the service member decline TSGLI?

TSGLI coverage is automatic for those insured under basic SGLI. The only way to decline TSGLI is to decline basic SGLI coverage.

Q. Are spouses and children covered by TSGLI?

No, TSGLI is not available to spouses and children under Family SGLI. It is available to service members insured under SGLI.

Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS)

Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS) entitlement continues for service members while hospitalized. The current pay table contains applicable rates (see www.dfas.mil/militarymembers/payentitlements/militarypaytables.html). Military treatment facilities provide meals at no cost to members of the Armed Forces receiving inpatient or outpatient services for an injury, illness, or disease incurred in a combat zone.

Casual Pay (CP)

The local finance office can pay Wounded Warriors a casual pay when they do not have means of withdrawing funds from their bank account. The casual pay is considered an advance on the member’s subsequent paycheck and will be collected.

Family Support Debit Card Program

The Wounded Warrior Family Support Debit Card Program provides Wounded Warriors' family members with an alternative method of receiving travel advance funds. Through the use of the debit card, funds are immediately available to cover initial travel expenses. The debit card alleviates the risk due to theft or loss associated with a cash advance and the time issues associated with a check or Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Customer service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and the debit card may be used at Point-Of-Sale (POS) terminals and Automated Teller Machines (ATMs). As with all types of travel advances, the funds advanced will be deducted from the entire travel sum. The card is currently available at Brooke Army Medical Center, Walter-Reed Army Medical Center, Fort Lewis, Fort Hood, and Fort Gordon.

Travel Pay

The DFAS Casualty Travel-Indianapolis processes TDY, TCS, and PCS travel for mobilized Army Reserve, Army National Guard, and Active Duty Wounded Warriors. The Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps provide travel support for their members. Each service's information and procedures are contained in this handbook. Please see a representative from the appropriate finance office, PSD or WWPMT for more information.

The travel information presented here includes entitlements, voucher submission, and frequently asked questions. More information on TDY and PCS travel is available from links at <http://www.dfas.mil/dfas/militarymembers.html>.

Entitlements

You are entitled to a daily rate (per diem) at the local rate for the travel day to the combat zone. For example, you are entitled to travel pay the day you travel to the combat zone, but not the day you travel from the combat zone to the medical treatment facility. You are also entitled on non-travel days to an incidental rate of \$3.50 a day for each day you are in a combat zone. Wounded Warriors eligible for the PAC program are also authorized the incidental rate of \$3.50 a day. Your local WWPMT, finance office or PSD can help you with completing and submitting your voucher. Please visit them prior to your departure.

Submitting the final settlement voucher

You should submit your final settlement voucher within five days of completing your travel and being released from active duty. You may also choose to submit your initial claim when you become an outpatient at your Continental United States (CONUS) medical treatment facility. While an outpatient, you are able to submit monthly accruals so you can pay hotel bills, laundry expenses and other necessary payments. A complete travel package includes the original or one clear copy of:

- DD Form 1351-2 (Voucher)
- Orders (mobilization, demobilization, temporary change of station, DD214 (Release from Active Duty), DD1610 (TDY Authorization))
- Amendments/Endorsements (if issued)
- Statement of non-availability required if government meals

- or quarters are unavailable
- Lodging receipts
- Any receipts \$75.00 or more

This checklist should help you in the submission process:

- 1) Sign and date your voucher.
- 2) Provide a day-time phone number and/or an email address.
- 3) Staple attachments to voucher.
- 4) Double check voucher to ensure all information is correct.
- 5) Voucher must have a Reviewer's signature and date.
- 6) Keep a copy of your complete voucher package for reference.
- 7) Submit your travel voucher to the appropriate office (see the FAQs for your particular service).

Definitions

Wounded Warrior: Service member receiving treatment for a wound, injury, or illness incurred in a combat zone, combat operation, or hostile fire event AND admitted as inpatient to a Military Treatment Facility or VA Facility, or assigned/attached to WTU/WTB/CBWTU (or patient unit).

Warrior Transition Unit (WTU): Units of care established to provide Soldiers with high-quality living conditions, prevent unnecessary procedural delays, and facilitate Soldier's healing process physically, mentally, and spiritually. WTU's provide a Triad of Warrior Support that consists of a Squad Leader, Nurse CM, and Physician (PCM) working together to ensure advocacy for WTU Soldiers, continuity of care and a seamless transition in the force or return to a productive civilian life.

Hospitalization: A service member is considered "hospitalized" if the Service member is admitted as an inpatient in a military treatment facility or is, for purposes of receiving extensive outpatient rehabilitation or other medical care in a military treatment facility residing in quarters affiliated with the military health care system, and attached/assigned to a medical/patient unit. An example for the Army is a Warrior Transition Unit (WTU).

Army Travel FAQ's

Q. How do I get an advance?

Most commonly, an advance may be issued to you if you are issued travel orders (DD 1610) for medical appointments. The order must authorize an advance and must state that you are a non-government charge card holder or travel circumstances prohibit the use of a charge card. If this is the case, fax one copy of your orders to Casualty Travel-Indianapolis. Include a cover sheet requesting an advance with your name, address and day-time phone number. If you do not have EFT set up with Travel Pay Operations, also include a completed SF 1199A or a voided personal check. You are encouraged to use the Travel Advance Request form.

Q. When will advances be collected back?

Advances will be collected at the first settlement.

Q. Where do I fax or mail the orders to request an advance?

(The WWPMT will help you submit your request.)

The mailing address is:

DFAS-IN/Casualty Travel
Dept. 3700
8899 East 56th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46249-3700

The fax number is: Commercial (317) 275-0138

DSN 699-0138

Email: DFAS-InTravelCasualty@dfas.mil

Q. When should an advance be requested?

Advances can be requested anytime prior to travel but will be processed no earlier than 10 days prior to your departure. Those members with government-sponsored charge cards may withdraw a cash advance from an ATM.

Q. How are advances computed?

Advances are limited to 80% of lodging expense to be incurred and miscellaneous expenses, and 80% of authorized meals and incidental expenses (M&IE).

Q. Where do I call for questions?

You may contact your WWPMT at your local finance office for entitlement questions and for assistance submitting your claim. For additional information, please call a specialized Wounded Warrior Travel Expert during normal business hours at 317-212-3562 or email DFAS-IN.casualty.customer.service@dfas.mil.

Q. What is an accrual/partial payment?

An accrual is a partial payment of travel expenses incurred while mobilized for a contingency operation. Upon being placed in outpatient status, you may choose to submit monthly accruals.

Q. When should one request an accrual?

An accrual should be requested after 30 days of the elapsed travel period. Each request for an accrual should indicate the 30-day period being requested (i.e., 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.). A final settlement is required to ensure full payment.

Q. Where should I submit my travel voucher?

Submit your travel voucher to your local WWPMT or Fax to (317) 275-0138 (DSN 699-0138).

Q. How do I get reimbursed for a TDY inside a TDY?

Additional TDY trips taken using DD 1610 travel orders should be filed inclusively with the monthly accruals. Separate submissions to Casualty Travel or other travel offices can result in incorrect payments to the traveler. If additional trips are paid by another finance office, this period should be annotated on the monthly DD 1351-2 to avoid an overpayment of meals and/or incidentals. Send copies of claims paid by other finance offices with the final settlement voucher to Casualty Travel.

Q. How do I prepare a supplemental claim?

The supplemental claim must include:

1. DD 1351-2 marked "Supplemental" with a full explanation of the item(s) of expense on the revised DD1351-2 or on a separate sheet of paper.
2. A copy of the Advice of Payment for the voucher in question.
3. A copy of the initial DD 1351-2 and continuation sheets.
4. One copy of the orders and amendments.
5. A copy of all supporting documentation applicable to the supplemental claim. If not available, provide a written statement attesting to the accuracy of items claimed for which no receipt is available. Statements should reflect, at minimum, the same information that would have been on the receipt had it been available.

Army Invitational Travel Authorizations (ITA)

Invitational Travel Authorizations (ITA) are government orders that can authorize up to three immediate family members of a Wounded Warrior to travel to the medical facility where the Soldier is receiving care.

When on an ITA, your travel to and from the hospital, hotel costs, meals, and incidental expenses are reimbursed by the government. You will be paid a daily rate (per diem) for your meals and incidental expenses. The per diem rates received may differ depending on the location you are staying. Check with your local WWPMT to find out what the per diem and maximum lodging rates are for your location.

These vouchers and accruals are filed in a similar way as the service member (see Travel section). The local WWPMT, located at the installation's finance office, can assist family members in completing and submitting these vouchers. A specialized Wounded Warrior Travel Expert can be reached during normal business hours at (317) 212-3562 or by email at DFAS-IN.casualty.customer.service@dfas.mil.

Navy Travel FAQ's

Q. How do I get an advance?

Most commonly, an advance may be issued to you if you are issued travel orders (DD1610) for medical appointments. The order must authorize an advance and must state that you are a non-charge card holder or travel circumstances prohibit the use of a charge card. If this is the case, fax one copy of your orders to Casualty Travel-Indianapolis. Include a cover sheet requesting an advance with your name, address and day-time phone number. If you do not have EFT set up within the Defense Travel System then you must also include a completed SF 1199A or a voided personal check. You are encouraged to use the Travel Advance Request form.

Q. Where do I fax or mail the orders to request an advance?

Your local Personnel Service Detachment (PSD) will help you submit your request.

Q. When should an advance be requested?

Advances can be requested anytime prior to travel but will be processed no earlier than 10 days prior to your departure.

Those members with government-sponsored charge cards may visit an ATM for a cash advance.

Q. How are advances computed?

Advances are limited to 80% of lodging expense to be incurred and miscellaneous expenses, and 100% of meals and incidental expenses (M&IE).

Q. Where do I call for questions?

You may contact your local PSD at your local finance office for entitlement questions and for assistance submitting your claim. For additional information, please call a DFAS customer service representative at (317) 212-3562 or DSN 699-3562.

Q. What is an accrual/partial payment?

An accrual is a partial payment of travel expenses incurred while mobilized for a contingency operation. Upon being placed in outpatient status, you may choose to submit monthly accruals.

Q. When should one request an accrual?

An accrual should be requested after 30 days of the elapsed travel period. Each request for an accrual should indicate the 30-day period being requested (i.e., 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.). A final settlement is required to ensure full payment.

Q. Where do I submit my travel vouchers?

All travel vouchers should be submitted to your local PSD. Contact them if you need any assistance in completing the voucher.

Q. How do I get reimbursed for a TDY inside a TDY?

Additional TDY trips taken using DD 1610 travel orders should be filed inclusively with the monthly accruals. Separate submissions to Casualty Travel or other travel offices can result in incorrect payments to the traveler. If additional trips are paid by another finance office, this period should be annotated on the monthly DD 1351-2 to avoid an overpayment of meals and/or incidentals. Send copies of claims paid by other finance offices with the final settlement voucher to your local Personnel Service Detachment (PSD).

Q. How do I prepare a supplemental claim?

The supplemental claim must include:

1. DD 1351-2 marked "Supplemental" with a full explanation of the item(s) of expense on the revised DD1351-2 or on a separate sheet of paper.
2. A copy of the Advice of Payment for the voucher in question.
3. A copy of the initial DD 1351-2 and continuation sheets.
4. One copy of the orders and amendments.
5. A copy of all supporting documentation applicable to the supplemental claim. If not available, provide a written statement attesting to the accuracy of items claimed for which no receipt is available. Statements should reflect, at minimum, the same information that would have been on the receipt had it been available.

Navy Invitational Travel Orders

Invitational Travel orders (ITO) are government orders that can

authorize up to three family members of a Wounded Warrior one round trip visit to the medical facility where the Sailor is receiving care. The Wounded Warrior's physical status must be listed as seriously ill (SI), very seriously ill (VSI) or Not-seriously ill (NSI) if the injury occurred while serving in a combat zone.

When on ITOs, your family members' travel to and from the medical facility, lodging, and a daily rate (per diem) for meals and incidental expenses are reimbursed by the government. The rate of per diem and maximum lodging rates is based on the geographic location of the medical facility. Check with your local PSD to find out what the per diem and maximum lodging rates are for your location

Travel Claims should be completed prior to family member returning home. The PSD, located at the medical facility or installation, can assist family members in completing and submitting the travel claims. Ensure all deductible receipts (e.g. lodging, airfare, terminal parking, etc) are included in the final travel claim submission.

Travel pay experts are also available to answer your questions at the DFAS Travel Pay customer service center: (317) 212-3562.

For more information regarding the Navy WW program, please visit the Navy Safe Harbor Web site at <http://www.npc.navy.mil/CommandSupport/SafeHarbor/>

Marine Corps Travel FAQs

Q. How do I get an advance?

Most commonly, an advance may be issued to you if you are issued travel orders (DD 1610) for medical appointments. The order must authorize an advance and must state that you are a non-charge card holder or travel circumstances prohibit the use of a charge card. If this is the case, fax one copy of your orders to Headquarters Marine Corps Casualty Branch. Include a cover sheet requesting an advance with your name, address and daytime phone number. If you do not have EFT set up with Travel Pay Operations, also include a completed SF 1199A or a voided personal check. You are encouraged to use the Travel Advance Request form.

Q. Where do I fax or mail the orders to request an advance?

Contact Headquarters Marine Corps Casualty Branch to request an advance.

Q. When should an advance be requested?

Advances can be requested anytime prior to travel but will be processed no earlier than 3-5 days prior to your departure. Those members with government-sponsored charge cards may visit an ATM for a cash advance.

Q. How are advances computed?

Advances are limited to 100% of lodging expense to be incurred and 80% of meals and incidental expenses (M&IE).

Q. Where do I call for questions?

You may contact your disbursing/finance office for entitlement questions and for assistance submitting your claim.

Q. What is an accrual/partial payment?

An accrual is a partial payment of travel expenses incurred while mobilized for a contingency operation. Upon being placed in outpatient status, you may choose to submit monthly accruals.

Q. When should one request an accrual?

An accrual should be requested after 30 days of the elapsed travel period. Each request for an accrual should indicate the 30-day period being requested (i.e., 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.). A final settlement is required to ensure full payment.

Q. Where should I submit my travel voucher?

Submit your travel voucher to your local disbursing/finance office.

Q. How do I get reimbursed for a TDY inside a TDY?

Additional TDY trips taken using DD1610 travel orders should be filed inclusively with the monthly accruals. Separate submissions to your travel office can result in incorrect payments to the traveler. If additional trips are paid by another finance office, this period should be annotated on the monthly 1351-2 to avoid an overpayment of meals and/or incidentals. Send copies of claims paid by other finance offices with the final settlement voucher to Headquarters Marine Corps Casualty Branch.

Q. How do I prepare a supplemental claim?

The supplemental claim must include:

1. DD 1351-2 marked "Supplemental" with a full explanation of the item(s) of expense on the revised DD1351-2 or on a separate sheet of paper.
2. The IATS DOV printout from the original claim paid.
3. A copy of the initial DD 1351-2 and continuation sheets.
4. One copy of the orders and amendments.
5. A copy of all supporting documentation applicable to the supplemental claim.

If not available, provide a Statement in Lieu of Receipt must be provided.

Your local administrative unit can provide more information.

Marine Corps Invitational Travel Orders

Invitational Travel Orders (ITO) are government funded orders that can authorize up to three immediate family members of a Wounded Ill or Injured Marine to travel to the bedside where the Marine is located and receiving medical care. Immediate family members are Mother, Father, Spouse, Children, or Siblings. Headquarters Marine Corps Casualty Branch oversees the issuance of ITOs.

Costs covered by the orders include travel to and from the medical facility (one round trip), lodging costs, meals and incidental expenses. The amount paid is based on the authorized per diem rates for that location. You can get this amount from the personnel assisting in the issuing of orders (Inspector-Instructor (I-I) or Patient Administration Team (PAT)). It is imperative that the cost for lodging does not exceed the per diem authorized for that location. Amounts in excess will not be reimbursed by the government. Rental cars are not authorized for reimbursement.

Should the need arise for an extension of the orders, contact the I-I or PAT that assisted in the initial request and they will be able to assist in getting the extension submitted. Do not wait until the orders have expired to request an extension. All requests for extension are approved by Headquarters Marine Corps Casualty Branch. Reimbursement of expenses is paid through the settlement of a travel claim (DD 1351-2). The claims will be submitted to the local disbursing/Finance Office by the I-I or PAT members every 30 days. See Travel section of this booklet for more details. If there is a need to receive an advance of allowances, this also is facilitated through the I-I or PAT. If you have a banking account, you will need to provide the routing and account number for a direct deposit into your account. If there is no bank account an advance of cash can be issued on a case by case basis. Headquarters Marine Corps Casualty Branch contact information: Comm: (703) 784-9512 (DSN: 278-9512); Toll Free: (800) 847-1597; Fax: (703) 784-4134, DSN (278)

For more information regarding the Marine Corps WW program, please visit the Wounded Warrior Regiment Web site at <http://www.woundedwarriorregiment.org/>.

Air Force Travel FAQs

Q. How do I get an advance?

Most commonly, an advance may be issued to you if you are issued travel orders (DD 1610) for medical appointments. The order must authorize an advance and must state that you are a non-charge card holder or travel circumstances prohibit the use of a charge card. If this is the case, submit one copy of your orders to your local finance office. Include a cover sheet requesting an advance with your name, address and day-time phone number. If you do not have EFT set up with Finance, also include a completed SF 1199A or a voided personal check. You are encouraged to use the Travel Advance Request form.

Q. Where do I fax or mail the orders to request an advance?

Contact your local finance office to request an advance.

Q. When should an advance be requested?

Advances can be requested anytime prior to travel but will be processed no earlier than 10 days prior to your departure. Those members with government-sponsored charge cards may visit an ATM for a cash advance.

Q. How are advances computed?

Advances are limited to 100% of lodging expense to be incurred and miscellaneous expenses, and 80% of meals and incidental expenses (M&IE).

Q. Where do I call for questions?

You may contact your WWPMT at your local finance office for entitlement questions and for assistance submitting your claim.

Q. What is an accrual/partial payment?

An accrual is a partial payment of travel expenses incurred while mobilized for a contingency operation. Upon being placed in outpatient status, you may choose to submit monthly accruals.

Q. When should one request an accrual?

An accrual should be requested after 30 days of the elapsed travel period. Each request for an accrual should indicate the 30-day period being requested (i.e., 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.). A final settlement is required to ensure full payment.

Q. Where should I submit my travel voucher?

Submit your travel voucher to your local finance office.

Q. How do I get reimbursed for a TDY inside a TDY?

Additional TDY trips taken using DD1610 travel orders should be filed inclusively with the monthly accruals. Separate submissions to your travel office can result in incorrect payments to the traveler. If additional trips are paid by another finance office, this period must be annotated on the monthly 1351-2 to avoid an overpayment of meals and/or incidentals. Send copies of claims paid by other finance offices with the final settlement voucher to Casualty Travel.

Q. How do I prepare a supplemental claim?

The supplemental claim must include:

1. DD 1351-2 marked "Supplemental" with a full explanation of the item(s) of expense on the revised DD1351-2 or on a separate sheet of paper.
2. A copy of the Advice of Payment for the voucher in question.
3. A copy of the initial DD 1351-2 and continuation sheets.
4. One copy of the orders and amendments.
5. A copy of all supporting documentation applicable to the supplemental claim. If not available, provide a written statement attesting to the accuracy of items claimed for which no receipt is available. Statements should reflect, at minimum, the same information that would have been on the receipt had it been available.

Air Force Emergency Family Member Travel Orders (EFMT)

EFMT orders (formerly Invitational Travel Orders) are government funded orders that can authorize up to three immediate family members of a seriously/very seriously ill or injured Airman to travel to the medical facility where the Airman is receiving care. Immediate family members are: mother, father, spouse, children, or siblings.

Headquarters Air Force Casualty Services Branch oversees the issuance of EFMT orders. When on EFMT your travel to and from the hospital, hotel costs, meals and incidental expenses, passports (if required) are reimbursed by the government. You will be paid a daily rate (per diem) for your meals and incidental expenses. The per diem rates received may differ depending on the location you are staying. Check with your Casualty Assistance Representative (CAR) to find out what the per diem and maximum lodging rates are for your location.

Reimbursement of expenses is paid through the settlement of a travel claim. Upon completion of travel, the Casualty Services

Branch sends the immediate family member a reimbursement package with step by step guidance to fill out and return to the Casualty Service Branch who will then submit the package for payment.

Additional information pertaining to the EFMT can be found in AFI 36-3002 section 2.29, or by contacting the local CAR located on every active duty Air Force installation, or by simply contacting Headquarters, Air Force Casualty Services Branch located at Randolph AFB, TX. A skilled casualty technician is available to answer any question 24 hours a day 7 days a week at the following numbers:

Comm: (210) 565-3505, DSN: 665-3505

Toll Free: (800) 433-0048

Fax: (210) 565-2348, DSN: 665-2348

An invitation to Wounded Warriors and their families:

Your feedback is important to us. Take our online survey to let us know how we are doing and what we can do to serve you better.

For military members:

http://ice.disa.mil/index.cfm?fa=card&sp=108079&s=602&dep=*DoD&sc=31

For family members

http://ice.disa.mil/index.cfm?fa=card&sp=108076&s=602&dep=*DoD&sc=31

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Defense Finance & Accounting Service

1-888-332-7411

<http://www.dfas.mil/militarymembers/woundedwarrior/woundedwarriorpay.html>

Army Wounded Soldier and Family Hotline

1-800-984-8523

wfsupport@conus.army.mil

Savings Deposit Program (SDP)

1-888-332-7411

ccl-sdp@dfas.mil

DFAS Casualty Travel Team Customer Service Line

1-317-212-3562

<http://www.dfas.mil/tdytravel.html>

Traumatic Servicemember's Group Life Insurance

1-800-237-1336

tsgli@conus.army.mil

EagleCash

<http://www.fms.treas.gov/eaglecash/>

T*A*P*S (Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors)

1-800-959-TAPS

www.TAPS.org

Social Security Administration - Wounded Warrior benefits

<http://www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors/>

Visit your local military finance office for more information on your pay and entitlements. They can also help on a variety of pay-related topics, including pay inquiry assistance, and member and dependent travel.

Important Contact Information:

Local Finance Office:

Personnel Office: _____

Legal Office: _____

