

## LOGISTICS AND TRANSPORTATION

**Q1: Can a unit's Family Readiness Group (FRG) use NTVs to take spouses to an amusement park as a stress reliever while their sponsor has deployed.**

A1: No. NTVs can only be used in an official capacity.

**Q2: Can I arrange for our Privately Owned vehicle (POV) be shipped to CONUS while my sponsor is deployed?**

A1: No. There is no entitlement for shipping POVs during deployment.

**Q3: Can I return to CONUS while my sponsor is deployed during deployment?**

A2: Yes. Family members are entitled to one roundtrip space "A" from Europe to CONUS after soldiers are deployed for **120** days or longer for leave purpose not for permanent.

**Q4: Can I return to CONUS while my sponsor is deployed during deployment?**

A3: **YES.** Family members are entitled to one roundtrip space "A" from Europe to CONUS after soldiers are deployed for 120 days or longer; for leave purpose not for permanent and only to the EPOD, follow on Transportation is the traveler's responsibility.

**Q5: What category is authorized for my family members to return CONUS while I'm deployed?**

A4: Command Sponsored family members, whose military spouse is participating in a deployment scheduled for 120 days or more is upgraded from Category V to Category **IV** This is IAW USCINCEUR message 011602 Dec 98.

**Q6: Where can my family members travel using Space "A" during my deployment?**

A6: Family members of deploying members assigned to USEUCOM is authorized to travel Space "A" within the USEUCOM area of responsibility or to and from CONUS to the USEUCOM area of responsibility. All travel is on a noninterference (no reimbursable) basis for leave purpose not for permanent and only to the EPOD, follow on Trans is the travelers responsibility

**Q7: How do I get authorization for my family members to utilize Space "A" travel entitlements?**

A7: IAW DoD 4515.13R, Chapter 6, family members must have in their possession a **COMMAND SPONSORSHIP** memorandum from the sponsor's unit commander or rear detachment commander containing the following information: sponsor's name, SSN, date assigned to unit, name of deployment, effective date of the deployment and this statement: "**military member will be deployed 120 days or more and the family member understands this is a one time**

**entitlement per 120 days or more deployment.”** Family member must sign and date the memorandum.

**Q8: Where must my spouse present the memorandum?**

A8: Your spouse can present the memorandum in person, via fax, or courier to through AMC passenger activity at Ramstein.

**Q9: When can my family members use the Space “A” entitlement while I’m deployed?**

A8: Family members are authorized to use this entitlement the first day of the deployment as indicated on the member’s deployment orders.

**Q10: How long can my family members remain on the Space “A” list after signing up?**

A10: Your family members will remain on the Space “A” available list for **60 days**, at which time they will be automatically removed. Family members removed from the list may sign up again with a new date and time.

**Q11: When I return from deployment, can my family members exercise the Category IV entitlement?**

A11: Family members can not exercise Category **IV** entitlements once a member returns from deployment. The only exception is if the family member is on the return portion of a trip where a Category III entitlement was used during the absence of the service member.

**Q12: What are official events for FSGs to use NTVs?**

A12: Official FSG events include FSG volunteer meetings, unit welcoming or newcomer’s orientation, deployment or relocation briefings, military benefits, prenatal care, and deployment planning workshops. (Always consult with the local Staff Judge Advocate when in-doubt).

**Q13: What are not official FSG events for NTV use?**

A13: Personal use, laundry, lunch, PX, and domicile to duty. (Always consult with SJA when in-doubt).

**Q14: Can I register a POV at the vehicle registration office while my spouse is deployed?**

A14: Only if your name appears on the registration form or if you have a Power of Attorney. The Office of the Provost Marshal highly encourages military members to add their spouse to their current registration. This is a free service provided by the Vehicle Registration Office.

**Q15: What do I do with my vehicle registration while I am deployed?**

A15: You can put your vehicle registration in to Suspense Status. If your registration has eight months remaining when you deploy, it will remain valid for eight months after returning.

**Q16: My registration will expire while I am deployed. Can I renew my registration before I deploy so my spouse does not have to do it?**

A16: Yes. This is called Early Renewal and can be done at any time.

**Q17: Can a Family Member drive a POV as soon as they arrive in Germany?**

A17: 1. A spouse coming from the United States must have a USAREUR driving license, a valid ID card, and a state license to operate a USAREUR plated POV.

2. Other immediate family members coming from the States can apply for an exception of policy to the customs office with the following documents: International Driver's License issued outside of Germany, or a valid US driver's license with an official German translation, proof of insurance, and passport or military ID card.

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**Q19: Can I arrange for our Privately Owned vehicle (POV) be shipped to CONUS while my sponsor is deployed?**

A19: No. There is no entitlement for shipping POVs during deployment.

### **FRG Use of NTVs**

**Q1. Can a Family Readiness Group (FRG) volunteer operate a government owned or leased non tactical vehicle (NTV)?**

A1: Yes! Local Commanders may authorize vehicle support from existing unit assets. This authorization must be in writing and is limited to non-tactical vehicles under 10,000 pounds. The vehicles are to be used for "official use only" and may not be used for "personal use or convenience". Official use is a determination made by the Commander. The procedure is outlined in AR 58-1, AR 600-55 and UR 608-2.

**Q2. Who can authorize FRG volunteers to drive a NTV?**

A2: The Commander, if transportation is available FRG volunteers may be authorized in writing to drive an NTV. The procedures for authorization are outlined in UR 608-2 and the 104<sup>th</sup> ASG SOP for Use of Non-tactical Vehicles for the Family Support System during Deployment.

**Q3. Should an FRG volunteer be a registered volunteer?**

A3: Yes! As a matter of policy, FRG volunteers who are authorized to operate government-owned or leased vehicles must be registered as an Army Community Service Volunteer. This will afford the volunteers better protection in case of an accident resulting in an injury or loss. Coordination should be made

with the Installation Volunteer Coordinator. The driving requirement must be part of the FRG volunteer job description.

**Q4. What license(s) are required for an FRG to operate a NTV?**

A4: IAW UR 608-2, Commanders may issue an SF 46 (Military Operators permit) without testing to personnel who present a USAREUR drivers license. The SF 46 is only for the country where the vehicle is based or operated.

**Q5. Are there restrictions on the FRG volunteer's use of NTV?**

A5: Yes, only vehicles less than 10,000 pounds may be operated, and the FRG Volunteer must have a valid driver's license and be registered as an ACS Volunteer.

**Q6. Is taking a family to the commissary or exchange a valid use of the NTV, if the spouse does not have a valid driver's license?**

A6: In some cases, the command may decide this is a valid use. However, POVs are normally used for personal errands to commissaries and exchanges, not NTVs.

**Q7. Is it proper for an authorized FRG leader/volunteer to use an NTV to take a spouse or child to a medical clinic, if the spouse lacks a valid driver's license, or has an inoperable POV.**

A7: Yes, it is proper under certain circumstances. Normally medical appointments for family members are "personal" and not "official" and for this reason the use of NTVs, should not be authorized by Commanders. However, unusual or emergency situations may occur which justify the use of NTV.