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SUBJECT: Policy for Travel by Department of the Army Officials

1. It is the policy of the Department of Defense and the Department of the Army that transportation resources be vigorously managed to prevent misuse and perception of misuse. As the Army continues its transformation, it is essential that our senior officials travel in the most cost-effective and efficient manner to preserve the Department's resources. The enclosure to this memorandum revises and further clarifies key sections of the Army's travel policy for senior officials. It supersedes Army Directive 2005-01, dated 7 January 2005, subject as above, and should be implemented immediately Army-wide. It can also be found in electronic form on the Army's publications website at <http://www.apd.army.mil>.
2. Among the changes are revised policies for official travel to funerals, Change of Command ceremonies and retirements, and CONUS to OCONUS air travel procedures. I strongly urge you and your staff to thoroughly review the provisions of this memorandum, as well as the regulations, which it supplements.
3. Any questions regarding the enclosed policy directive should be directed to the Office of the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army.

Enclosure

  
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Committee, and has been given case number 051207, dated 8 December 2005.***

**SECRETARY OF THE ARMY POLICY  
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Department of Defense (DOD) and Department of the Army (DA) transportation resources are to be vigorously managed to prevent both the misuse and the perception of misuse. Travel must be directly and clearly related to mission achievement.

This document supersedes the Secretary of the Army Directive 2005-01, Policy for Travel by Department of the Army Officials, dated 7 January 2005. It implements specified policies and procedures provided by the Joint Federal Travel Regulations, Volume 1 (JFTR), Joint Travel Regulations, Volume 2 (JTR), and DODD 4500.56, DOD Policy on the Use of Government Aircraft and Air Travel (1997). It also serves to reduce the cost of travel and prevent the inappropriate and perceived inappropriate use of DA travel resources by the implementation of these policies and procedures. Accordingly, the terms of this policy must be complied with strictly and the terms permitting use of departmental transportation resources construed narrowly.

The Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army (AASA) is the delegated travel policy official on behalf of the Secretary of the Army and administers all changes, revisions and/or exceptions to this policy document. Sections of text shown in yellow highlight indicate significant changes from the previous edition of this Directive. Correspondence regarding this document should be sent through the Headquarters, Department of the Army Executive Travel Office (JDSO-ZT), 2531 Crystal Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3905, to the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army, 105 Army Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310-0105.

The complete sections shown in bold text are intended for Army personnel located within the National Capital Region (NCR) and may not apply outside of that area.

## 1. General Policy

a. Required Use. In accordance with DODD 4500.56, within DA the Secretary of the Army (SA) and the Chief of Staff of the Army (CSA) are required to use Military aircraft (MILAIR) for all air travel when in a duty status. In addition, the SA has exercised his authority to further designate all active four-star general officers as "required users."

(1) Required users must, in accordance with DODD 4500.56, request each mission by providing, the name and title/grade/rank of all travelers; the purpose of travel; an itinerary including departure and arrival times; and, any other special travel requirements, such as secure communications, to the DOD component that schedules and/or operates the aircraft. Required use status does not preclude the user from using commercial resources when the official determines that it is the most suitable method of transportation and that it will not adversely affect the mission or the safety of the official.

(2) Current "required use" joint or "dual-hatted" Army Commanders of Unified Commands being reassigned to positions within DA must document a mission necessity to use MILAIR for permanent change of station travel and must obtain prior authorization from the SA.

b. Senior Officials. All DA military and civilian members of any rank or grade are considered "officials" of the Department. For purposes of this policy, "Senior Official" is defined as General or Flag Officers, civilian employees of the Senior Executive Service or equivalent, and higher-level employees in accordance with DODD 4500.56.

c. Applicability. This policy memorandum primarily applies to the administrative use of fixed-wing and rotary-wing aircraft by Army officials not discussed in paragraph 1.a. above. Administrative travel, also called "other official travel," includes travel to give speeches; attend conferences, meetings or training courses; make routine site visits; and other similar uses. Justification for the use of fixed-wing MILAIR for administrative travel usually requires showing that MILAIR is essential versus commercial air. Justification for the use of rotary-wing aircraft for administrative travel usually involves showing that MILAIR is essential versus ground transportation, unless commercial air transportation is also available between the general departure and destination locations.

d. Stewardship. All users of MILAIR, to include those officials designated as "required users", are reminded that DODD 4500.56 requires that every effort must be made to minimize the cost and size of aircraft necessary to satisfy the mission requirement. Further, the SA retains the authority from DOD to make his policy on required use more stringent, if considered necessary, to ensure full compliance with DOD policies.

e. Requests for MILAIR. All travel requiring HQDA coordination must arrive at HQDA for review not later than 10 working days prior to travel or the request may be returned without action. A letter of explanation must accompany any late submission.

Requestors of MILAIR support are encouraged to submit earlier than 10 working days to ensure aircraft availability and scheduling.

f. Approval Authority. Approval authority for the administrative use of MILAIR (fixed and rotary-wing) may not be delegated below the Army Component (AC), Army Service Component (ASCC) or Direct Reporting Unit (DRU) Commander, their chief of staff, or equivalent level in accordance with DOD direction.

(1) HQDA. All requests for travel by senior Secretariat and HQDA Staff officials for both commercial and MILAIR support must be submitted through the HQDA Executive Travel Office (JDSO-ZT) to the AASA for approval. The AASA must ensure that sufficient key personnel are in the NCR to conduct Departmental business and approves simultaneous absences of senior officials and their Principal Deputies. The AASA is the approval authority for all official travel out of the NCR by the following Secretariat officials: Under Secretary; Assistant Secretaries; General Counsel; Chief of Legislative Liaison; Chief of Public Affairs; CIO/G-6; The Inspector General; The Auditor General; Deputy Under Secretaries; Director, Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization; and Chairman, Army Reserve Forces Policy Committee.

(2) National Guard. The Chief, National Guard Bureau (NGB) is responsible for establishing and implementing procedures to properly control official travel within the NGB and for State and Territorial Adjutants General.

g. Funerals, Retirements and Changes of Command. Generally, travel to funerals, retirements and/or Change of Command ceremonies, where ground travel is not suitable due to distance, are considered official events only for the senior military and/or civilian official formally representing DA. Minus specific authority by the SA, CSA, USA or VCSA, all other officials are considered attending in an unofficial/personal capacity and must reimburse the government at commercial coach fares if traveling on MILAIR with the official representative, or pay for commercial travel from personal funds. Under no circumstance can MILAIR be scheduled for unofficial travel. The policy in section 14 e. 2) of this document applies when such events are within driving distance.

h. Controls. Commands are responsible for evaluating controls over travel in management control reviews required by AR 11-7 (Management Controls). Further, controls over travel will continue to be an item of special interest during Inspector General and Army Audit Agency inspections, audits, and reviews.

i. Legal Review. This policy has been reviewed by the Office of General Counsel (OGC), which has determined that it comports with established law and rules, and is without legal objection. As noted above, the terms of this policy permitting the use of departmental transportation resources must be construed narrowly to minimize travel costs and prevent the inappropriate and perceived inappropriate use of government transportation resources. Determinations on any legal question or issue concerning this policy and its implementation are solely within the purview of the OGC, which is the single legal office within DA responsible for resolution of legal questions and issues concerning this policy.

## 2. OCONUS Travel

a. Overseas Travel. Special emphasis must be given to controlling and monitoring overseas travel (to include overseas travel by students of service schools), reducing the number of personnel traveling to the same site, and reducing the number of days of travel per trip.

(1) OCONUS to CONUS should be undertaken only when the need is absolutely clear and then only by the smallest group possible consistent with mission requirements. Back-to-back trips by different officials to the same location(s) are strongly discouraged. Trips should be actively coordinated to prevent this situation. The routine method of travel from CONUS to OCONUS locations will be by commercial air for all travelers not in a "required use" status. In-theater MILAIR may be authorized when in accordance with operational support airlift procedures.

(2) U.S. Air Force Air Mobility Command (AMC) or AMC-contracted airlift must be used for overseas travel when it is available and meets the mission requirements for Permanent Change of Station (PCS) or Temporary Duty travel (TDY).

b. Meetings with Foreign Dignitaries. All OCONUS travel by DA and CONUS-based personnel where the traveler will meet with officials of foreign governments must be coordinated with the Office of the Deputy Secretary of Defense (DEPSECDEF) through the Office of the Secretary of the Army. Travel requests for Secretariat officials must be submitted through the AASA to the SA for review and initial approval prior to submission to the DEPSECDEF. The CSA is delegated authority for initial review and approval of travel by Army Staff (ARSTAF), AC, ASCC and DRU officials and may re-delegate this authority. Travel requests reviewed and given initial approval by the CSA or his designee must then be forwarded through the AASA to the SA prior to submission to the DEPSECDEF. All requests for foreign travel should be submitted prior to discussing travel plans with the foreign government concerned.

c. Clearances. DA and CONUS-based personnel must follow the guidance provided in chapter eight and the country pages of the DOD Foreign Clearance Guide (DODD 4500.54-G) to obtain country clearance for all foreign travel. The lead-time for requesting personnel clearances is approximately 35-45 days. Late submissions must include a justification for tardiness.

d. Official Foreign Travel. The Executive Secretary to the Secretary of Defense acts as liaison between the Department and the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs on all official foreign travel. Requests for official foreign travel proposals for officials at or above the rank of Assistant Secretary (or equivalent rank, to include the Service Chiefs and Vice Chiefs) of executive departments and agencies are to be submitted to the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs through the Executive Secretary. Such notifications are to be coordinated with the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy. Requests should be forwarded to the Executive Secretary under cover of an ACTION MEMORANDUM requesting signature and forwarding to the National Security Council. All requests should be forwarded to the Executive Secretary

at least 10-days in advance of the intended travel. An example of a properly prepared request to be signed by the Executive Secretary is shown:

**MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS**

**SUBJECT: Request for Official Foreign Travel Approval**

**Senior Official and Title:**

**Purpose of Travel:**

**Itinerary: Date/City/Country/Major Event/Meeting**

**Executive Secretary Signature Block**

**NSC Approval \_\_\_\_\_**

e. International Conferences. Any DA or CONUS-based official traveling to an OCONUS international conference (defined for this purpose as any meeting held under the auspices of an international organization or foreign government, at which representatives of more than two foreign governments are expected to be in attendance, and to which U.S. Executive agencies will send a total of ten or more representatives) must submit a preliminary report of travel through the AASA to the SA for submission to the Department of State, Office of International Conferences, Bureau of International Organization Affairs (IO/OIC). Within 30-days after conclusion of travel, officials must submit final reports through the AASA to the SA for submission to the IO/OIC. (See samples at Enclosure 1). DA personnel need not report travel undertaken to carry out intelligence or intelligence-related activity, a protective function, or a sensitive diplomatic mission.

(1) Preliminary and final reports for Secretariat officials must be submitted through the AASA to the SA for review and initial approval prior to submission to the IO/OIC.

(2) The CSA has delegated authority to the Director of the Army Staff (DAS) for initial review and approval of OCONUS international conference travel by ARSTAF and **AC, ASCC AND DRU officials**. Preliminary and final reports reviewed and given initial approval by the DAS must then be forwarded through the AASA to the SA prior to submission to the IO/OIC.

f. Force Protection. Force protection planning must be an integral part of travel planning, particularly for OCONUS travel. The following guidelines must be followed for all senior leader MILAIR travel:

(1) The senior U.S. Army General Officer (GO) or civilian equivalent onboard an aircraft is responsible for planning and approving all itineraries when traveling OCONUS.

(2) All itineraries, to include en route refueling stops, must be reviewed personally by the senior individual.

(3) Deliberate decisions must be made by the senior individual to ensure adequate security arrangements are in place at refueling locations or layovers prior to arrival.

(4) A scheduled refueling stop at a civilian/non-U.S. military facility requires the approval of the senior U.S. Army GO/civilian aboard the transport. No stops at civilian activities where the Threat Condition exceeds ALPHA are permitted unless accepted by the senior U.S. Army GO/civilian on board the flight.

(5) The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command (USACIDC) is available to assist in planning and coordinating travel security for all high risk personnel (HRP). Personal security vulnerability assessments (PSVA) conducted by CID can be a valuable tool in gauging the thoroughness of HRP travel security planning procedures. A limited scope PSVA focused on travel security planning can help identify weaknesses, recommend measures to correct noted weaknesses, assist in determining levels of protection appropriate to the threat, and facilitate coordination of security resources while in a travel status.

### 3. Commercial Air Travel

a. Contract Fares/Carriers. Commercial air travel must be conducted using contract fares via a contracted commercial travel office (CTO). "City-Pair" fares must be used at all times, unless specific criteria in JFTR/JTR, Appendix P can be met. "City-Pair" fares represent "best overall value", not necessarily lowest fare; therefore considerations beyond solely the ticket cost to the government must be made prior to booking any transportation with a non-contract carrier. Consideration should include total time of travel, time in layovers, lost work time to the government including travel compensatory time, and similar cost-increasing factors. Exceptions that would permit the use of a non-contract carrier must be clearly specified on the individual's travel order/authorization. Instances where non-contract fares can be used are as follows:

(1) Space on a scheduled contract flight is not available in time to accomplish the purpose of travel, or use of contract service would require the traveler to incur unnecessary overnight lodging costs that would increase the total cost of the trip.

(2) The contract carrier's flight schedule is inconsistent with explicit policies of individual federal departments and agencies to schedule travel during normal working hours.

(3) A non-contract (DOD approved) carrier offers a lower fare available to the general public, the use of which results in a lower overall trip cost to the Government. Such evaluation of overall trip cost must include a consideration of the combined costs of transportation, lodging, meals, and related expenses. *Note: This exception must not be used if the contract carrier offers a comparable fare and has seats available at that*

fare, or if the lower fare offered by a non-contract carrier is limited to Government and military travelers on official business and only may be purchased with a Government procurement document (e.g., a GTR), contractor issued charge cards, or centrally billed account. **These fares, referred to as "me-too" fares, shall not be used in lieu of contracted fares.**

(4) Rail service is available and that service is cost effective and consistent with mission requirements.

b. Coach Class. The primary mode of transportation used for official travel by all Army officials is commercial coach-class. In all cases, premium-class travel must be treated as an exception to policy and approved only by authorized officials as stated in c. below. **Note: Any class of service, regardless of name (e.g. Economy Plus, Business, Executive-Class, Coach Plus, etc) that exceeds the cost and/or luxury level of coach-class accommodations must be treated as premium-class travel and must be approved in accordance with the policies in paragraph c. below.**

c. Premium-Class (Less than First-Class). There is no longer any blanket authorization to use premium-class (less than first-class) air travel for any travel for any DOD officials, military or civilian. All official travelers, regardless of rank or grade, must provide a written justification for each request for the use of premium-class (less than first-class) travel. In all cases, individual travel orders/authorizations must include a statement(s) that clearly identifies the appropriate citation(s) (JFTR paragraph U3125 or JTR paragraph C2204) and clearly provides full justification for the use of premium class travel. Travel orders/authorizations not showing specific citations from the JTR/JFTR must be returned without approval. In addition, the traveler's statements on the travel order/authorization must identify the actual cost increase to the government for the use of premium-class travel and specify why bulkhead coach class seating, or standard coach-class seating cannot be used in lieu of the more expensive accommodations. The premium-class authorizing/approving official for each traveler, specified in paragraph d. below may authorize use of premium-class (less than first-class) commercial travel only when the statements above have been properly added to each travel order/authorization, and are in complete compliance with one or more of the JTR or JFTR exceptions. A summary of the current JTR/JFTR exceptions are listed below, but travelers must use the appropriate citations from the JTR/JFTR when completing their orders/authorizations as the information below is subject to change.

(1) Regularly scheduled flights along the route provide only premium-class seats.

(2) No space is available in coach and travel is so urgent it cannot be postponed.

(3) Necessary to accommodate a traveler's disability or other physical impairment substantiated in writing by a competent medical authority (for each instance of premium travel based on medical condition and/or disability, the physician's documentation must be dated **within 6-months of the travel for temporary conditions,**

and twelve months for conditions declared permanent, and include a signed statement from the physician stating that premium-class accommodations are required; further, the traveler must document the unique reason why commercial coach bulkhead seating, exit row and/or two coach-class seats cannot be used in lieu of the higher cost premium-class service). Blanket approval for premium-class travel based on medical condition or disability must not be permitted. Medical documentation is required, and must conform to the attached sample document at Enclosure 2.

*Note: Bulkhead seating is commonly the first row of commercial coach-class seating behind the aircraft's bulkhead and, depending on airframe, provides additional legroom. Exit row seating often offers similar legroom to commercial business-class seating but slightly less overhead storage. Depending on the severity of the disability, these unique coach-class accommodations can often serve to replace the need for premium-class seating. Availability of either of these coach-class accommodations should be considered prior to requesting/approving dual coach or premium-class seating, and be addressed by the physician providing the medical documentation.*

(4) Travel on a foreign flag carrier has been approved by the normal authorizing/order-issuing official in accordance with the JTR/JFTR and the sanitation or health standards in coach are inadequate, as determined by Department of State or DOD.

(5) Overall savings to the Government result by avoiding additional subsistence costs, overtime, or lost productive time that would be incurred while waiting for available coach seats.

(6) Travel costs are paid by a non-federal source.

(7) Travel is direct between authorized origin and destination points (one of which is OCONUS), which are separated by several time zones, and the scheduled flight time is in excess of 14 hours, (including stopovers between flights) AND the traveler must conduct official business immediately upon arrival without sufficient time for a "rest period" AND justification exists for not departing earlier to accommodate a rest upon arrival.

*Note 1: If the stopover is an overnight stay, that stop disqualifies the traveler from using business-class. A rest stop en route is prohibited when travel is authorized by premium-class (less than first-class) accommodations. When this authority is exercised, a traveler is not authorized a rest period upon arrival at the duty station. The traveler is, however, permitted a short, reasonable time to check into a hotel and freshen up if necessary. This justification must not be used in lieu of scheduling coach-class accommodations that allow for authorized rest stops en route or at the destination. When returning from TDY, premium-class (less than first-class) travel must not be authorized simply because the total flight time (including stopover) is in excess of 14 hours or in time to meet routine office responsibilities.*

*Note 2: A reasonable time to check into the hotel and freshen up is defined, for this policy's purpose, as an opportunity immediately upon arrival to freshen up, change*

*clothes and/or check into housing accommodations. It does not include time permitted for sleeping or lengthy delay upon arrival before commencement of official duties.*

(8) Security concerns exist that make such travel essential to the successful performance of the mission.

d. Premium-Class Transportation Authorizing/Approval Officials. In accordance with DOD Directive 4500.9 the AASA is the authorizing/approving authority for requests for premium-class (less than first-class) transportation for those officials within the Headquarters, Department of the Army. Requests by officials of the Secretariat and ARSTAF must be submitted through the HQDA Executive Travel Office (JDSO-ZT) to the AASA. Three and Four-star AC, ASCC, DRU Commanders and their three-star or two-star Deputy Commanders or Chief of Staff, are authorized to approve premium-class (less than first-class) transportation requests by their subordinates. Other Commanders will process requests thru the HQDA Executive Travel Office (JDSO-ZT) to the AASA. This authorization for approval cannot be further delegated. Per JFTR paragraph U2000, and JTR, paragraph C2000, no official, regardless of rank or position, may approve his or her own use of premium-class transportation. All other DA officials must process requests through appropriate command channels through the HQDA Executive Travel Office (JDSO-ZT) to the AASA for approval. All documentation, including justifications, approval signatures and similar paperwork must be retained by the approving authority's office for a period of not less than 5 years.

All requests for premium travel by retirees/separates traveling on official DOD business or PCS will be processed to and authorized by the retiree's/separatee's former 3- or 4-star command, AC, ACCS, DRU or by the AASA if the unit is not commanded by a 3- or 4-star Commander. Requests must be sent through the HQDA Executive Travel Office for processing to AASA.

*Note: The following positions within the Department of the Army are authorized to approve premium-class (less than first-class) requests from subordinate officials within their commands. This authorization may be delegated in writing to a 2 or 3-star GO/SES, Chief of Staff or Deputy AC, ASCC or DRU Commander; however, further delegation is prohibited. It is the responsibility of each Command to notify its subordinate elements and local servicing Commercial Travel Offices (CTO) of the names/positions of those officials formally delegated this authority:*

- Commander, U.S. Forces Command
- Commander, U.S. Training and Doctrine Command
- Commander, U.S. Army Materiel Command
- Commander, U.S. Army Europe
- Commander, U.S. Army Pacific
- Commander, U.S. Forces Korea
- Commander, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command
- Commander, Eighth United States Army
- Commander, U.S. Army Medical Command
- Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Commander, U.S. Army Special Operations Command

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*All other units/agencies not mentioned above must process premium travel requests through the HQDA Executive Travel Office (JDSO-ZT) to the AASA.*

e. First-Class. Within DA, the SA is the sole authorizing/approval authority for first-class travel paid by government funds or by a non-federal source pursuant to 31 USC §1353. All requests for the use of first-class travel must be fully justified under the appropriate provision of the JTR/JFTR and submitted through the HQDA Executive Travel Office (JDSO-ZT), through the AASA to the SA for approval.

f. Reporting Requirement. OSD has directed that a semi-annual report be submitted by each Service Secretary no later than 30 April and 31 October of each fiscal year detailing each instance of premium travel. **To accomplish this requirement, each authorizing official above must provide a report to the HQDA Executive Travel Office (JDSO-ZT), no later than 15 April and 15 October that provides detailed data on each request approved during the prior six-month period.** This report must include the following data elements for each instance of approved premium-class travel:

**Data Element**

**Codes**

**Basic ID**

Name  
Grade  
Last 4 SSN

**Unit ID**

Service  
Organization

**Transportation Mode**

0 = Air 1 = Ship 2 = Train

**Purpose of Travel**

(Use JTR/JFTR, Appendix H Codes)

**Origin** (City, State)

**Destination** (City, State)

**Beginning Date of Travel**

**Fare Paid**

**Coach Fare**

**Ticket Issuing Location**

**Justification** (Use codes, not text)

**Approval Authority**

**GSA Purpose of Travel Codes**

0 = Site Visit  
1 = Info Meeting  
2 = Training  
3 = Speech/Presentation  
4 = Conference  
5 = Relocation  
6 = Entitlement Travel  
7 = Special Mission Travel  
8 = Emergency Travel  
9 = Other

**First-Class Justification Codes**

F1 Lower class not available in time  
F2 Medical  
F3 Security  
F4 Mission  
F5 Only first class provided  
F6 Non-Federal source

**Business-Class Justification Codes**

B1 Lower class not available in time  
B2 Medical  
B3 Security  
B4 Mission  
B5 Only first class provided  
B6 Non-Federal source  
B7 Foreign flag coach not adequate  
B8 Overall savings  
B9 Over 14 hours AND immediate official business, no earlier departure possible

g. **Uniform Wear.** When travel in premium-class accommodations has been authorized, senior military and civilian officials are prohibited from wearing uniforms and/or publicly discussing their position with the government while in those accommodations, unless highly unusual circumstances exist where travel in uniform cannot be avoided. This policy is not intended to conflict with, overrule or otherwise supplement any uniform rules or regulations, and all military members must refer to appropriate and current uniform policies prior to official travel.

#### 4. Gratuities (Including Frequent Flyer Miles) Received from Commercial Sources

a. General. Promotional material including frequent traveler benefits (frequent flyer miles (FFM), and hotel and rental car points) earned by Army travelers on official business at agency expense may be kept for personal use. The promotional material must be obtained under the same terms as those offered to the general public and must be at no additional government cost. The use of non-contract carriers solely to gain personal frequent traveler miles or other benefits is strictly prohibited.

b. Upgrades to Premium-Class. Frequent flyer miles earned during official travel may be used to upgrade official or personal flights to business or first-class accommodations.

*Note: An Army traveler must not deliberately delay a return from TDY or increase mission cost to the government to take advantage of offered commercial travel benefits or for personal convenience. A traveler may only delay a return from TDY if there is no impact to an Army mission (i.e., a delay from Saturday to a Sunday return, when both days are scheduled non-duty days for the traveler, and the traveler is either on an approved pass or leave) and there is no increase in cost to the government.*

c. On-the-Spot Upgrades. Soldiers who are offered on-the-spot upgrades without cost to the government (over coach fares) may accept the upgrade and travel while in uniform provided that the offer has been made by the airline without initiation by the Soldier.

#### 5. General Military Aircraft Travel

a. General. Official air travel is normally accomplished using commercial air transportation. Generally, when commercial air transportation is available to effectively fulfill the mission requirement and meet the traveler's departure and/or arrival requirements within a 24-hour period, military aircraft (MILAIR) must not be used. Nonetheless, MILAIR may be authorized when any one of the following conditions is met:

(1) The actual cost of using MILAIR is less than the cost of using commercial air service.

(2) Commercial air service is unacceptable because (a) highly unusual circumstances present a clear and present danger to the official traveler or (b) an emergency exists, or (c) other compelling operational considerations make commercial transportation unacceptable.

(3) The aircraft was previously scheduled to perform a bona fide training mission, the minimum mission requirements are not exceeded, and there is no additional cost to the government. MILAIR must not be scheduled for training missions for the primary purpose of accommodating the travel of military or civilian DA personnel.

b. Scheduling. When scheduling MILAIR, every effort will be made to avoid:

(1) Trips between major U.S. cities. It may be difficult to justify the use of MILAIR for travel along high-density travel routes (e.g., Washington, D.C. to New York City, Atlanta, Los Angeles or Chicago) because (a) commercial travel is generally less expensive to major hub cities, (b) high density traffic may make it difficult to obtain desired arrival/departure times, (c) travelers must be cognizant of the public's perception of the use of MILAIR resources.

(2) Trips where the aircraft appears to be filled with personal staff members to make the trip cost effective.

(3) Trips requested because of the need to accommodate competing requirements, especially when either of the requirements are events of a social nature. Maximum advance planning should be employed to avoid scheduling conflicts dictating the use of MILAIR.

c. Type of Aircraft. The particular aircraft used must be the least costly one capable of satisfying the transportation requirements. Larger aircraft can be used only for reasons of safety, security, or economic feasibility. At no time can a larger aircraft be scheduled to accommodate individuals traveling in a "non-interference" or unofficial status, or based on rank, grade or protocol code. *The scheduling of two military aircraft where the second aircraft is for the primary purpose of acting as a "backup" in the event of the loss of the primary aircraft is prohibited. Commercial air transportation will not be requested or scheduled for DOD group travel (defined for this purpose as 10 or more seats) unless all actions to obtain military air transportation have been terminated.*

d. Approval Authority. AC and ASCC Commanders and Commanders, MEDCOM and USACE are delegated approval authority for the OCONUS use of CONUS based MILAIR for individuals under their command. CONUS based MILAIR may only be used for OCONUS travel if one of the criteria in paragraph 5.a. is satisfied, or if the senior traveler is a required user of MILAIR.

e. Use. The use of commercial airlift to OCONUS destinations does not preclude the use of MILAIR in an OCONUS theater of operation when:

(1) MILAIR is reasonably available and does not require long deadhead flights to begin or end the mission, or

(2) U.S. commercial carriers are not available and significant security concerns preclude the use of foreign flag carriers.

f. Request for MILAIR Travel. All requests for the administrative use of fixed-wing and rotary-wing MILAIR must be in writing. Requests for travel by other than DOD senior officials are processed for approval through existing standard procedures. Travel approval authorities may establish the specific format for requests and documentation of MILAIR travel. At a minimum, however, this documentation must meet the requirements of DODD 4500.56.

(1) Requestors must determine and document that the requirements of section 5 and/or section 6 have been met for each individual use.

(2) The senior traveler must sign all requests for MILAIR travel. Signature authority may not be delegated.

g. Delegation of Approval Authority for Selected Foreign and U.S. Travelers on MILAIR. Under the provisions of DOD 4515.13-R, Air Transportation Eligibility, paragraph C10.5.3, the DAS, **CONUS AC, ASCC and DRU Commanders**, and heads of Army activities in the grade of Major General or above are delegated the authority to approve the following categories of passengers for travel in CONUS on MILAIR when such travel is in direct support of the approving command or activity:

(1) Foreign military personnel who possess proper installation visitation authorization

(2) Foreign civilians assigned to NATO Headquarters and who possess an installation visitation authorization

(3) U.S. citizens, except for non-DOD federal officials and their spouses, and members of Congress and their staffs. The approval for accompanying spouse travel for DA personnel remains unchanged. This authority may not be further delegated.

h. Contractors Aboard MILAIR.

(1) Generally, contractors must not be placed on MILAIR except in compliance with C.2.2.9. of DOD 4515.13-R. In instances where the success of an Army mission depends on the presence of contract personnel, those personnel may be placed on MILAIR through the use of a Contractor Identification Memorandum/Letter of Authorization, a sample of which is at Enclosure 3. The use of an Invitational Travel Authorization (ITA) for placing contractors on MILAIR is prohibited. The Contractor Identification Memorandum/Letter of Authorization must include:

(a) Name, social security number, company name and DOD contract number

(b) Billing address of contractor for purposes of billing costs if travel is to be approved under the authority of C.2.2.9.3. of DOD 4515.13-R; or the appropriation to be charged (fund cite or responsible DOD Contract number to be charged) if travel is to be approved under the authority of C.2.2.9.2. of DOD 4515.13-R

(c) Full justification and purpose for being onboard the aircraft

(d) Statement indicating that commercial transportation is not available

(e) Signature of senior Army official requesting the contractor's presence

(2) Approved contractors on board MILAIR, and operating under contracts where commercial transportation costs have already been included in the contract, must

reimburse the government at full commercial coach fare, within five days of completion of the travel. Under no circumstances may contractors travel or be reimbursed using the contract fares offered to government employees.

(3) The Contractor Identification Memorandum/Letter of Authorization must be submitted through normal travel authorization channels and, if applicable, processed with required documents through appropriate local billing channels to ensure a timely reimbursement to the United States Treasury.

## 6. Rotary-Wing MILAIR Travel

a. General. Rotary-Wing MILAIR may be used for official travel only when it is cost favorable as compared to ground transportation, or when the use of ground transportation would have a significant adverse impact on the ability of the senior official to effectively accomplish the purpose of the travel.

b. Applicability. This policy does not apply to "operational mission" use of rotary-wing aircraft as defined in AR 95-1, Flight Regulations, or to mission required use such as: transport of troops and/or equipment; training; evacuation (including medical evacuation); intelligence and counter-narcotics activities; search and rescue or transportation of prisoners; use of defense attaché-controlled aircraft; aeronautical research and space and science applications; exercising command/supervisory authority at adjacent/local installations; and other such activities.

c. Commercial Service. If commercial aircraft service is available between the general departure and destination locations, the criteria of paragraph 5.a. must also be satisfied.

d. Alternatives. Helicopter travel to events that can be accomplished by video teleconference, or combined with other events/activities should not be approved.

e. Intra-city Travel. Helicopter assets must not be used for transportation between installations within the NCR except in unusual circumstances. The SA determines the existence of unusual circumstances **within the NCR.**

(1) Intra-city travel is travel that departs from and arrives at any location within the Greater Washington-Baltimore Metropolitan area.

(2) Intra-city travel is limited to Code 1, 2, and 3 civilians and Code 2 and 3 General Officers.

(3) Requests for exceptions must be approved by the AASA for all HQDA officials.

f. NCR Support. Within the NCR, all approved requests for helicopter support are forwarded from the respective organizational airlift validator to the 12th Aviation Battalion, Ft. Belvoir, VA.

g. Pentagon Helipad. The following guidance applies to the use of the Pentagon Helipad:

(1) Eligibility for use of the Pentagon Helipad is restricted to protocol Code 4 Civilians, Lieutenant Generals, and above. Code 5 Civilians, Major Generals, and lower are to be serviced from Davison Army Airfield, Ft. Belvoir, VA, or Fort McNair. (See Enclosure 4 for estimated distances and flight times and Enclosure 5 for VIP code definitions.)

(2) The Pentagon Helipad is normally available Monday through Friday from 0730 to 1730 hours. The AASA has been delegated the authority to grant exceptions for weekend and/or alternate travel times for Code 2 and 3 civilians and General Officers (four-star). Exceptions may be granted only under the most extraordinary circumstances for travel originating within the NCR.

## 7. **Special Air Mission (SAM) Aircraft**

a. General. Special Air Mission (SAM) aircraft are specially configured aircraft assigned to the U. S. Air Force 89th Airlift Wing used to support only the most important U.S. interest missions and DOD missions where other airlift does not provide the timeliness, security, or communications capability required. The costs associated with operating this limited inventory of aircraft ranges from approximately \$2,300/hour to nearly \$4,300/hour depending on the type of aircraft, thereby necessitating judicious use of this limited resource. All requests for SAM support of non-required users require a cost analysis as a part of the justification.

b. Eligibility. Within DA, only the following officials are eligible to use SAM aircraft. If one of these officials is not aboard, the SAM aircraft cannot be used for the mission:

Secretary of the Army  
Chief of Staff  
Under Secretary of the Army  
Vice Chief of Staff  
Assistant Secretaries of the Army  
General Counsel  
Four-star General Officers

c. Authorized Use. SAM aircraft may be authorized in the following instances:

(1) Travel is plainly in the national interest for official purposes.

(2) Commercial transportation is clearly incapable of meeting the requirement for security.

(3) Other significant reasons as approved by the appropriate travel order approving authority.

d. Approval Process.

(1) Requirements for both domestic and foreign SAM flights for personnel in the Secretariat must be submitted through the AASA to the SA.

(2) Requirements for both domestic and foreign SAM flights for personnel in the ARSTAF and **Army Commanders (AC)** including foreign counterpart visits must be submitted through the AASA to the SA.

e. Non-DOD Requests. All non-DOD requests for SAM aircraft, exclusive of Congressional travel, must be submitted through the AASA for processing to OSD.

f. The Chief of Legislative Liaison (OCLL). OCLL coordinates Congressional use in accordance with established procedures. The use of SAM aircraft is especially appropriate for Army sponsored trips by members of Congress or DOD officials when the trip has significant DOD interest.

## 8. **Operational Support Airlift (OSA)**

a. Use. The use of Operational Support Airlift (OSA), both fixed and rotary wing, assigned to DA should be restricted to flights where commercial transportation is inconsistent with security or other significant mission requirements. Requests for use of OSA are processed in accordance with current directives and procedures.

(1) Every effort must be made to pool requirements for maximum aircraft utilization. Minor differences of only a few hours in travel schedules seldom warrant the use of separate aircraft. (Flexibility in scheduling and passenger loads to accommodate the pooling of missions is encouraged.) All requests should include a comparison of the costs of travel by MILAIR and commercial transportation modes. **All requests for OSA fixed wing support must include a 2-hour window for both departure and arrival times unless compelling operational considerations exist where strict timing is critical to mission success. In those cases, a 2-hour window must still be provided on either departure or arrival times, or documentation of the compelling considerations must be included in the request. Requests without the provision of a 2-hour window, or missing written justification cannot be processed.**

(2) The U. S. Army Priority Air Transport Detachment can support complex missions, but its use must be fully justified through OSA policies and procedures and approved by **AASA for officials within** the Secretariat and ARSTAF.

(3) For HQDA and its Field Operating Agencies (FOAs) and Staff Support Agencies (SSAs) the officials listed below are designated as Authorizing Officials for operational support airlift (OSA) requests from senior officials within their commands or organizations. The authorizing official for those positions listed is the AASA. MILAIR requests must be processed through the HQDA Executive Travel Office (JDSO-ZT) to the AASA.

Director of the Army Staff  
Deputy Chiefs of Staff  
Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management  
Chief of Engineers  
Surgeon General  
Chief, National Guard Bureau  
Chief, Army Reserve  
The Judge Advocate General  
Chief of Chaplains  
Commanding General, U.S. Army Military District of Washington (MDW)  
Heads of FOAs and SSAs (major general or equivalent and higher)

(4) **AC, ASCC and DRU** Commanders (Major General or higher) and heads of FOAs and SSAs (Major General or higher) are designated as Authorizing Officials for OSA requests from senior officials within their commands. **AC, ASCC, and DRU** Commanders may delegate this authority in writing, without further delegation to the Chief of Staff or Deputy Commander (no lower than Major General level). Except for four-star generals and the three-star Commander of **Army Pacific**, senior officials may not authorize their own MILAIR travel.

(5) The AASA is the Authorizing Official for Commanders who are not four-star general officers or the three-star Commander, USARPAC. MILAIR requests for **ASCC and DRU** Commanders, other than 4-star generals, must be processed through the HQDA Executive Travel Office (JDSO-ZT) to the AASA.

(6) MILAIR requests for personnel (O-6 or equivalent and below) must be processed for approval as outlined in Chapter 3, AR 95-1, Flight Regulations, 1 September 1997 and the DOD Directive 4500.43, Operational Support Airlift, 28 October 1996.

(7) The Secretary of the Army or his designee, the AASA, is the approval authority for employees of other U.S. government agencies.

b. Reporting. The Commander, Operational Support Airlift Command, must provide a semi-annual report of the use of Operational Support Airlift by senior DA officials through AASA for review prior to submission to the SA.

c. Oversight. All **AC, ASCC and DRU** Commanders must ensure that they are kept informed of their command's OSA usage.

**9. Space Available Travel.** Per DOD 4515.13-R, paragraph C6.1.3, Uniformed Services members on active duty must be in a leave or pass status to register for space-available travel, remain in a leave or pass status while awaiting travel, and be in a leave or pass status the entire period of travel. DOD civilian employees, when traveling in a space-available status in accordance with DOD 4515.13-R, C6.T1, must be in a leave or non-duty (i.e. weekend or holiday) status to register for space-available travel.

## 10. Accompanying Spouse Travel

a. General. As a general rule, spouses or other family members may not accompany DA personnel, either military or civilian, on official business at government expense. Accompanying spouse travel on either military or commercial aircraft is accomplished as an exception to policy, pursuant to paragraph A.2.m. of the JFTR, Appendix E. Exceptions are normally limited to the spouses of senior officials. Other family members or dependents are not permitted to travel at government expense. (See section 13, Non-interference (reimbursable) travel).

(1) Accompanying spouses traveling on commercial aircraft at government expense must fly coach-class, unless otherwise authorized in accordance with section 3, Commercial Air Travel.

(2) Accompanying spouses traveling on MILAIR must travel in a non-interference (non-reimbursable) status. MILAIR must be independently authorized in accordance with section 5.

b. Exception to Policy. As an exception to policy, spouses may accompany their sponsors on military or commercial aircraft at government expense when at least one of the following conditions is met:

(1) The spouse must actually participate in an official capacity at an unquestionably official function. A spouse's itinerary that details the specific official events of sufficient duration in which the spouse must participate (i.e., a conference or installation visit) may justify the spouse's travel on MILAIR or commercial air at government expense. A spouse's agenda/itinerary is required when using this provision as the basis for approval of the spouse's travel. A substantially complete draft itinerary is sufficient for long lead-time requests. An example of a substantive agenda is provided at Enclosure 6.

(2) The spouse's presence at an official function is deemed to be in the national interest because of a diplomatic benefit to the United States. Simply stated, when the spouse and sponsor are meeting with high-level foreign dignitaries and their spouses, the spouse's travel may be justified on MILAIR or commercial air at government expense. Documentation of foreign dignitary presence is required when using this provision as the basis for approval of the spouse's travel.

(3) The spouse's presence at an official function is deemed to be in the national interest because of a public relations benefit to the United States. Simply stated, when the spouse and sponsor are meeting with persons and their spouses from outside DOD **such as members of the local, state or national government or media**, the spouse's travel may be justified on MILAIR or commercial air at government expense. Under this provision, a statement from the requesting official, deeming the spouse's presence provides a public relations benefit to the United States is sufficient when using this provision as the basis for approval of the spouse's travel.

c. Independent Travel. Spouses may travel independently of their sponsors to an official function, provided any or all of the above conditions are met, and unusual circumstances exist, such as mobilization, deployment or other compelling operational circumstances, which prevent the sponsor from attending an event that under normal conditions they would have been authorized to attend together. Under those unusual circumstances the spouse must travel in the most cost-effective manner available, which may include an already scheduled MILAIR flight or non-tactical vehicle (NTV), and must be treated as in an accompanied spouse status and no per diem is authorized.

d. Review/Approval Process. Once all supporting documentation is attained, the requestor must obtain a policy/fiscal review from the resource manager prior to submission to the approval authority. Each occurrence must be approved individually and documented by a Memorandum for Record (MFR) signed by the approval official.

e. Pier Diem. Spouses traveling in an accompanying spouse status are not permitted per diem. *Note: When a spouse is chosen to attend a major award ceremony, as defined by JTR/JFTR, Appendix E, paragraph C5 by the award recipient, or has been asked to stand in for a deceased member at the ceremony, the spouse's travel to attend the ceremony must be in strict accordance with JTR/JFTR, Appendix E, paragraph C5 and is not generally governed by spouse travel policy within this document.*

f. Approval Authorities.

1) Each occurrence of spouse travel is to be approved on a case-by-case basis. Blanket travel orders for spouses are not permitted. When the requesting official is not assigned to HQDA, the request for approval for spouse travel must also be reviewed by the requesting official's Command Chief of Staff, or equivalent, prior to submission. Each request must include the following supporting documentation and must be retained by the requesting organization for 2 years:

- (a) Request signed by the sponsor
- (b) Name, grade, and position/title of sponsor
- (c) Purpose of spouse's travel
- (d) Travel date and destination
- (e) Type of conveyance, to include cost if commercial flight
- (f) Policy and/or fiscal determination by appropriate Command Official

(g) Agenda or itinerary for spouse that indicates either actual participation or a diplomatic or public relations benefit to the United States.

(2) The AASA is the approval authority for all accompanying spouse travel of Secretariat and ARSTAF officials at government expense on commercial or MILAIR.

(a) All requests for spouse travel must be forwarded to the AASA for processing.

(b) Requests should be submitted at least 15 working days prior to the travel.

(3) The AASA is delegated the approval authority for all military or commercial travel by spouses of HQDA officials at government expense. Approval authority for accompanying spouse travel is delegated to four-star AC and ASCC Commanders (and the 3-star Commander, Army Pacific) for their own spouses and the spouses of individuals within their organizations. Further delegation is authorized in writing and may not be delegated below the two-star general officer Chief of Staff for a four-star AC or ASCC Commander, or equivalent level.

(4) Each occurrence must be approved individually and documented by a Memorandum for Record that has been reviewed by policy and/or fiscal officials and signed by the principal. Blanket travel orders for the spouses are not permitted.

(5) Joint or "dual-hatted" DA Commanders of Combatant Commands follow their joint command approval process concerning accompanying spouse travel when traveling on behalf of the joint command. When traveling on DA business, the provisions of this policy memorandum must be followed (example: Army Four-Star Commander's Conference).

(6) The Chief, National Guard Bureau is delegated, without further delegation, the authority to approve the travel of accompanying spouses of the 54 State, District, and Territory Adjutants General when they are traveling for purposes of National Guard Bureau business. However, when the State, District, and Territory Adjutants General are traveling on state or territory business, the state or territory guidance governing accompanying spouse travel is to be used. In either case, the tests of unquestionable official function with actual participation, and/or significant diplomatic or public relations benefits must be met.

## 11. Required Reporting for Accompanying Spouse Travel

a. Reporting Requirements. The approval authority must maintain a record of approved accompanying spouse travel (as authorized by paragraph 10 above) on MILAIR and commercial aircraft for a period of two years. This documentation is subject to review by the Secretary of the Army or the AASA acting as his designee. The documentation must include spouse travel via MILAIR or commercial air for the spouses of all DA officials, including the following:

(1) Commands delegated approval authority for spouse travel by the Chief of Staff of the Army.

(2) Four-star General Officers and the three-star Commander of USARPAC.

(3) Joint or "dual-hatted" Commanders when travel was on behalf of DA.

(4) State, District, and Territory Adjutants General of the National Guard when travel was on National Guard Bureau business.

b. Documentation of individual spouse travel trips must include:

(1) Name of sponsor and spouse.

(2) Justification (i.e., participation in an official capacity at an unquestionably official function, or diplomatic or public relations benefit).

(3) Destination.

(4) Duration.

(5) Any per diem or incidental expenses allowed to the spouse.

c. Documentation of each trip approved must be maintained locally for at least two years from the date of travel to comply with audit and/or inspection requirements.

## 12. Other Spouse Travel

a. General. Travel by spouses is usually accomplished in an accompanying status as provided in section 10 above. However, spouses may also travel independently of their sponsors when travel is authorized in accordance with the JTR/JFTR. When traveling pursuant to an independent basis, spouses are authorized per diem. For example, travel and per diem for spouses are authorized when:

(1) The spouse is to attend a service-endorsed training course or briefing and provide subsequent volunteer service incident to such training, (e.g., Pre-Command Course, Brigadier General Training Course, anti-terrorist training course) as specified by HQDA.

(a) Course Approval Procedures. Courses such as The Pre-Command Course, Brigadier General Training Course, and the Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) conference (as examples) are approved as service-endorsed. For other courses, the JFTR requires approval through "the Secretarial Process." Requests must process through command channels and the Deputy Chief of Staff G3, Training Division to the Office of the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army. Requests must include a detailed program of instruction and a memorandum explaining the primary and direct mission-related benefit that the Army will receive as a result of funding this training for family members.

(b) Travel Approval. Once a course is approved, selected spouses may attend the training at government expense and receive the same travel allowances as a military member or civilian employee who is on temporary duty (TDY). The normal order-issuing official for ITA approves the travel on a case-by-case basis, ensuring that

there is a primary and direct mission-related benefit to the Army by that particular family member attending the training.

(2) The spouse will confer with DOD officials on DOD matters as a subject matter expert. In this instance, being a spouse is incidental to being a subject matter expert, and the circumstances of travel are not to be confused with accompanying spouse travel. Under this authority, the spouse may be issued an authorization through normal procedures without obtaining special approval for spouse travel. It is generally DA policy that spouses traveling to participate in discussions on Army Family Programs and/or Quality of Life issues must travel in an accompanying spouse status (per diem not authorized) in accordance with paragraph 10, unless travel is for an excepted program in accordance with b. below.

b. Invitational Travel Authorization. Notwithstanding the restriction in paragraph 12.a.(2) above, when the spouse or other qualified individual has been selected to serve as a member of the delegation to an official conference concerning Army Family Programs or Quality of Life issues, then the activity that is sponsoring the conference may authorize the sending command to issue an Invitational Travel Authorization (ITA) (per diem authorized) for that spouse's travel if all of the following conditions apply:

(1) The activity that is sponsoring the conference is commanded by an official in the rank of Major General (or civilian equivalent) or above. **The MG or higher ranked sponsor of a conference should be acting in a significant role and not simply as an authorizing signature authority for the purposes of compliance with this section. A significant role can be defined as keynote speaker, key attendee, or similar participation role.**

(2) The conference has a substantive agenda aimed at affording the Army Secretariat or Army leaders guidance, advice, and testimony that is essential to the process of developing effective policies pertaining to family, education, health care, retention, and other issues related to the well-being of our soldiers and their families.

(3) The conference's established objective is to render a discernable substantive product, such as a set of policies, a strategic plan, or an action plan.

(4) The agenda requires full-time participation by each delegate to ensure that it completes its agenda and accomplishes its established objective.

(5) The process for selecting delegates conforms to Army regulatory guidance and the slate of delegates has been approved, in writing, by the sponsoring Commander.

*NOTES: In no case may the spouse of a Soldier or DA civilian employee be authorized separate reimbursement for the lodging portion of per diem if the Soldier or civilian employee is on TDY to the same conference, is concurrently on TDY in the same commuting area of the conference, or resides within commuting distance to the conference site. For the purpose of this policy, spouses attending as Subject Matter Experts (SME) must comply with the following conditions: Any spouse, regardless of*

*rank or position of sponsor, must be documented fully if they are attending as a SME. If the spouse has been identified as a SME, documentation must clearly state the unique training, knowledge or educational achievement in the specific subject area that the spouse has gained so as to elevate them above other attendees for special consideration as a SME. The role of spouse alone is not sufficient to allow SME status.*

c. **Annual Report. Commanders of AC, ASCC and DRU** must submit an annual report to the AASA no later than 15 October of each year summarizing Army Family Program conference participation and delegate travel, along with a summary of cost to the Army for that travel.

### 13. Unofficial Travel — Non-Interference (Reimbursable) Travel

a. Definition. Non-interference (reimbursable) travel is travel by a spouse, dependent, or other non-Federal traveler NOT on official business in the company of a senior DOD official (normally Code 1, 2 and 3 civilians, and Code 2 and 3 General Officers) traveling on official business on MILAIR. This is not space available travel.

b. Authorization. Non-interference travel is only authorized if all of the following conditions are met:

(1) MILAIR is already scheduled for an official purpose.

(2) The non-interference use does not require a larger aircraft than is needed for the official purpose.

(3) Official travelers are not displaced.

(4) The travel results in negligible additional cost to the government.

(5) The government is reimbursed at the full commercial coach-class fare or equivalent. The full coach-class fare is defined as any coach fare that is available to the general public (not a city pair airfare or other fare limited to official government business) between the day that the travel was planned and the day the travel occurred, including restricted fares, provided the traveler would otherwise be able to satisfy the restrictions associated with the particular fare if traveling via commercial air.

c. Reimbursement. This travel must be approved in advance in writing. The senior DOD official must attach to his/her travel voucher a personal check made payable to the Treasurer of the United States, along with appropriate documentation (DD Form 1131) that notifies the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) office of what the check is intended to reimburse, and include a commercial travel office (CTO) printout or copy of an advertisement or public domain website clearly showing the fare offered to the public for the day of travel that reflects the full commercial fare. Note that contracted city-pair fares may not be used for reimbursement of unofficial travel.

d. Process. Approval must be through the senior traveler's normal approval chain.

## 14. Motor Vehicle Transportation

a. Governing Policy. AR 58-1, Management and Acquisition of Motor Vehicles, governs the use of motor vehicle transportation to include the procurement and use of sport utility vehicles. This section highlights guidance found in that regulation pertaining to non-tactical vehicles (NTV). Additional specific guidance is found in AR 58-1.

b. Legal Authority. Title 31, USC §1344 specifies those officials who are authorized home-to-work transportation. Within DA, only the SA and the CSA are authorized home-to-work transportation.

(1) With certain limited exceptions prescribed by statute, home-to-work transportation is not transportation for an official purpose, and is prohibited. Normally, such transportation is a personal responsibility. Title 31, USC §1344, establishes criteria for exceptions to this policy, and for reporting those exceptions to Congress. However, within DA only the SA can approve those exceptions.

(2) Individuals who are authorized home-to-work transportation may incur personal tax liability in connection with this government-furnished service regardless of the circumstances. The law provides that for civilians who willfully violate Title 31, USC §1344 may be suspended without pay for a minimum of 30 days, and when circumstances warrant, for a longer period, or may be summarily removed from office. Military personnel, who willfully use or authorize the use of government vehicles for other than official purposes, can be disciplined under provisions of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) or other administrative procedures as appropriate.

c. After-hours Functions. Transportation to official after-hours functions is treated as an exception to policy for which prior approval from the Installation Commander or his/her delegated authorizing official is required. All transportation to after-hours functions must begin and end at the individual's normal place of duty.

d. Official motor vehicle transportation requirements do not include: transportation to private social functions; personal errands or side trips for unofficial purposes; transportation of dependents or visitors without an accompanying official; or in support of non-DOD activities unless specifically approved under the provisions of Army Regulation(s).

e. Official Use. The use of Army NTV is restricted to official purposes only, in strict accordance with AR 58-1.

(1) Transportation may be provided for military and DOD civilian personnel officially participating in public ceremonies, military field demonstrations, and parades directly related to official activities.

(2) Changes of command, promotions, retirements, unit activations/deactivations are considered official business internal to the Army community. Attendance by the Army community is encouraged as the presence and recognition of colleagues and peers improve the morale and spirit of the activity and of the Army. Government motor

vehicle transport however should be managed. A common sense approach should be used by the installation commander. For example, don't have 10 sedans drive to the same function when a small bus or passenger van would accomplish the mission. The distance traveled should be reasonable either within the installation or among installations and activities. There may be occasions, such as an after-event official meeting, when group transportation is not feasible, and multiple vehicles to the event are necessary. It is the responsibility of the Commander to preclude abuse of this policy. Prudent use of government resources is the responsibility of all Army employees.

f. Spouses. Spouses of DA officials may be authorized transportation in government vehicles only when:

(1) Accompanying their DA sponsor, the use of the vehicle has already been authorized to accomplish official business, and there is space available. Such transportation must be provided at no additional cost to the government, and the spouse's presence may not require a larger vehicle than that already authorized to accomplish official business.

(2) Proceeding independently to or from an official function when the spouse's presence at the function is in the best interest of the government and circumstances have made it impractical or impossible for the official to accompany the spouse en route; however, this authority applies only to the spouse of a DA employee who is authorized to receive home-to-work transportation.

g. Non-DOD Use. Transportation support to other U. S. Government agencies, or non-U.S. Government entities, may be provided only under strict guidelines. Reimbursement by the requesting activity is normally required for transportation support to non-DOD activities. DA officials must review established guidelines and obtain required approvals prior to inviting travel or committing Army support.

h. Sport Utility Vehicles.

(1) Sport Utility Vehicles (SUV) are a unique class of motor vehicle. Generally SUV's have poor miles per gallon ratings and cost more to lease or purchase. Where a class II sedan or light duty pickup truck meets mission requirements, a larger and more prestigious SUV must not be purchased, leased or used.

(2) AC, ASCC and DRU Commanders and Directors of Army Agencies must reduce the use of SUV's. These vehicles should be phased out as the lease expires except in all but the most highly justified instances.

(3) SUV justification requests must be based on a valid TDA authorization which must be routed through appropriate channels and approved by the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management (ACSIM). The ACSIM approvals must be provided by the activity to GSA as part of the lease process. The approvals must be part of NTV internal controls for the activity. SUV's are not authorized because of rank, prestige, or personal convenience.

(4) SUV's may be authorized in direct support of police, fire, rescue, criminal, investigative and intelligence activities. In addition, SUV's may be used by recruiting and military entrance processing activities in areas (northern tier installations) where snow, sleet, and freezing rain would terminate the mission for lengthy periods.

## 15. Acceptance of Payment from a Non-Federal Source for Official Travel Expenses

a. Legal Authority. Title 31 USC §1353 is the primary authority for the acceptance of gifts of travel and related expenses. When that statute applies, it must be used to the exclusion of other authorities. The definition of terms and policies under this statute are at 41 CFR §304.

b. Approval Authority. Heads of component commands or organizations may delegate approval authority in writing to accept travel payments from a non-federal source to a division chief under their supervision serving in the grade of Colonel or the civilian equivalent. Prior to authorizing acceptance of an outside payment of official travel and related expenses, travel-approving authorities must consult with their own or the traveler's ethics counselor and obtain a written determination from that ethics counselor that acceptance is appropriate.

c. Acceptance. Prior to travel, employees must have approval to accept payment from a non-federal source. Once travel has started, limited changes can be made.

(1) If the Army has previously approved and accepted payment, you may accept additional payment so long as:

(a) The expenses paid in kind are comparable in value to those offered or purchased by other similarly situated meeting attendees, and

(b) The Army did not previously decline to accept payment for these particular expenses in advance of travel.

(2) If the Army has not authorized acceptance of any payment from a non-federal source prior to travel, you may accept payment from a non-federal source so long as:

(a) The travel offered is the type of travel expense that is allowed by the existing travel authorization, i.e., meals, lodging, transportation, but not recreational or other personal expenses, and

(b) The travel expenses are within the maximum allowances stated within the existing travel authorization, and

(c) You request the Army's authorization for acceptance from the non-federal source within seven (7) working days after the trip ends.

(3) If the Army does not authorize acceptance from the non-federal source, you must either:

(a) Reimburse the non-federal source for the reasonable approximation of the market value of the benefit provided, or

(b) Reimburse the non-federal source, and claim the amount on your government travel claim.

d. Additional Conditions. In addition to the criteria at 41 C.F.R. §304, payment from a non-federal source for official travel expenses may be accepted when the following conditions are met:

(1) The offer of travel expenses must be unsolicited and completely voluntary.

(2) The gift may only be used for official travel.

(3) The gift may only be used for conferences or similar functions. An offer of travel expenses to perform functions essential to an Army mission (such as inspections or oversight visits) or to attend sales presentations must not be accepted.

(4) The gift of travel may not create a conflict of interest. The approval authority must determine that acceptance would not cause a reasonable person in possession of the relevant facts to question the integrity of Army programs or operations.

e. Spouses. An offer of free travel for an accompanying spouse must be processed and approved in accordance with paragraph 10 of this Directive. Such requests must be evaluated on the basis of whether it is in the Army's interest to accept the offer.

f. First-Class Travel Offers. The SA retains the authority to approve all first-class travel. Requests for first-class air travel, including those paid by a non-federal source, must be fully justified under the applicable provisions of the Joint Ethics Regulation. This requirement applies to the traveling official and accompanying spouse.

g. Reporting Requirements. The following reporting requirements apply to the acceptance of travel payments from a non-federal source:

(1) To simplify the travel voucher process, travelers are encouraged to accept "in-kind" travel expenses (that is, prepaid tickets and hotels), rather than cash reimbursement. If reimbursement is in the form of a check, it must be made out to "Department of the Army" and deposited with the servicing travel office.

(2) Travelers must report to their ethics counselors the acceptance of travel and related expenses exceeding \$250. The report must contain the traveler's certification that "the statements in this report are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief." The report must be submitted to the ethics counselor for review and signature within thirty days of completion of the travel. A suggested format for this report appears at Enclosure 7.

(3) Ethics counselors must use Standard Form 326, Semiannual Report of Payments Accepted From a Non-Federal Source, to consolidate reports from travelers in their jurisdiction. Standard Form 326 must be electronically submitted to the Office of the Judge Advocate General (OTJAG), Standards of Conduct Branch at [soco@hqda.army.mil](mailto:soco@hqda.army.mil). Reports for gifts received during the period 1 April to 30 September must be received at OTJAG by 15 November. Reports of gifts received between 1 October and 31 March are due by 15 May. Ethics counselors must maintain the reports submitted by travelers for one year after submission. Standard Form 326 is available on the General Services Administration website at [www.gsa.gov/forms](http://www.gsa.gov/forms).

**16. Use of Executive Car Services.** The use of executive car services, i.e., privately contracted limousines and non-government leased executive sedans is reimbursable only at the fair market rate of taxicabs and airport transportation services during periods of official temporary duty travel. Costs in excess of fair market rates for the services mentioned above are borne by the official and must not be reimbursed. Additional charges, such as “waiting time” fees associated with the use of executive car services are not authorized. Officials are encouraged to utilize local public transportation resources for travel to and from TDY locations. Reimbursement for commercial transportation from residence to permanent duty locations is not authorized.



## Sample Medical Format for Premium Class Travel

Steps to follow when a DOD traveler requests premium-class flight accommodations due to a disability or other physical impairment:

**Step 1** – The traveler completes Part I, Traveler’s Statement of Disability or Other Physical Impairment, and submits it to the authorizing/order-issuing official (AO).

**Step 2** - The AO reviews Part I, considering the cost, alternative means to accommodate the traveler’s condition and the requirement to accomplish the mission. The AO notifies the traveler if the traveler’s premium-class travel is to be pursued. The traveler is instructed to have Part II of the premium-class travel package completed by competent medical authority (licensed medical practitioner).

**Step 3** – The traveler’s physician completes Part II to provide acceptable medical evidence to support or refute the premium-class claim and returns Part II to the traveler.

**Step 4** – If physician indicates that premium-class travel accommodations are necessary, the traveler forwards the completed documents, Parts I and II (Part II physician’s assessment must remain sealed) to the AO. If the physician indicates that premium-class travel accommodations are not necessary, the traveler informs the AO and the premium-class approval process stops.

**Step 5** – AO forwards Parts I through II to the appropriate premium-class approval authority for signature/approval.

**Step 6** - The premium-class approval authority completes Part III, approving or denying use of premium-class travel. A copy of the complete package (Parts I, II, and III) must be retained in the office of the premium-class approving official for audit purposes, and a copy of Part III must be forwarded to the AO.

**Step 7** - If premium-class travel accommodations are approved, the AO must ensure the travel order/authorization is annotated to show: Business- or First-Class (as appropriate) travel was approved for medical reasons; the name and rank of approving official; the cost difference between coach-class; and, the approved premium class accommodations. The traveler is informed accordingly.

**Step 8** - With a copy of the approved premium travel order/authorization, the traveler can make travel arrangements through the CTO.

***Note:** With limited exceptions, medical information about the traveler must be kept confidential. Information can be confidential even if it contains no medical diagnosis or treatment course and even if it is not generated by a health care professional. Medical information is not to be kept in regular personnel files. Rather, keep medical information in a separate medical file that is accessible only to designated official personnel. Medical information stored electronically must be similarly protected (e.g. by storing it on a separate database).*

## Enclosure 2 - Sample Medical Format for Premium-Class Travel

**PART I – Traveler’s Statement of Disability or Other Physical Impairment**

Read Privacy Act Statement (located at bottom of page) before completing form

- 1. Traveler’s Name (last/first/middle): \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Travelers Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Last 4 SSN: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Service/Agency: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Organization: \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Work Phone (Commercial and DSN): \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Mode of Travel (Air, Ship, Train): \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. Travel Purpose (See Premium Class Travel Reporting Instructions, Item G): \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. Location where Premium Class Travel Segments Start and End (enter all segments)
  - Origin: \_\_\_\_\_ Destination: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Origin: \_\_\_\_\_ Destination: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Origin: \_\_\_\_\_ Destination: \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. Date Travel to Begin: \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. Fare for Premium Travel: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Fare for Coach Class: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 14. Ticket Issuing Location (Name and Location of Commercial Travel Office – CTO): \_\_\_\_\_
- 15. Reason for Requesting Premium Class Travel, Reference JTR/JFTR, para.: \_\_\_\_\_
- 16. Describe your medical condition (i.e., disease, disability, or other physical impairment) and how it interferes with traveling in coach-class.
 

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- 17. Give the approximate date (month/year) your medical condition began to affect your ability to travel without special travel accommodations. \_\_\_\_\_
- 18. What is the expected duration of your medical condition? \_\_\_\_\_
- 19. What reasonable accommodation (e.g., bulkhead seating, two adjoining coach seats, seat cushion, aisle seat, etc.) could be made so that you would be able to travel in coach class?
 

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**CERTIFICATION AND CONSENT BY TRAVELER**

I hereby certify that all statements made above are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I hereby give my permission for the release of information about my service and medical condition(s) (i.e., disease and injury) to authorized agency officials and medical consultants.

SIGNATURE (Do not print)

Date

## **Privacy Act Statement**

In compliance with the Privacy Act of 1974, the following information is provided: Basic authority for requiring the requested information is contained in 5 USC §§5701-5733, particularly §§5721-5733, 30 USC §905 and Executive Order 9397. Disclosure of the data by you is voluntary. The principal purpose for the collecting the data is to determine the amount to reimburse a traveler for expenses incurred in connection with temporary duty travel. Information may be transferred to appropriate Federal, State, local, or foreign agencies when relevant to civil, criminal, or regulatory investigations or prosecutions. There is no personal liability to you if you do not furnish the requested information; however, we may not be able to reimburse you for your expenses.

## **PART II - PHYSICIAN'S STATEMENT INSTRUCTIONS**

The individual identified on the next page is requesting medical documentation that can be evaluated, along with other information, in connection with his or her request for an upgrade in air travel to premium-class (business-class/first-class) as a reasonable accommodation. Please specify in your report the physical and environmental requirements connecting the identified disability or other physical impairment and the requested accommodation and whether alternative means, such as bulkhead, aisle seating or two adjoining coach-class seats, may accommodate the traveler's condition.

The applicant is responsible for any cost incurred in connection with providing this documentation.

A new medical examination is not necessary if your records provide adequate documentation no more than six months old, or 12 months for validated permanent disability or physical impairment.

Please provide the medical documentation requested under "MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS." It is important that you respond to every item. If there is not sufficient space for your response, please provide a continuation sheet that indicates the corresponding item number for the information you are responding to. If an item is not applicable to the applicant's medical condition, enter "Not Applicable." After completing the form, please provide your medical stamp on the form, along with your signature.

Enclose your report and any attachments in a sealed envelope marked "MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION – PRIVILEGED – PRIVATE." Please provide it directly to the applicant.

**PART II - MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS**

The Following Information is Provided On (full name of traveler):

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1. Diagnosis of Disability or Physical Impairment Associated with Premium-Class Accommodations:

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2. Clinical findings that relate to the reason for travel upgrade from the most recent medical evaluation, including any of the following which have been obtained: findings of physical examination; results of laboratory tests; X-rays; EKGs and other special evaluations or diagnostic procedures; and, in the case of psychiatric diseases, the findings of mental status examinations and the results of psychological tests.

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3. Assessment of current clinical status, relevant medications prescribed, and plans for future treatment:

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4. What is the expected duration of the disability or physical impairment?

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5. What is the probability that the individual may suffer injury or harm if he or she is not accommodated? Explain the medical basis for your conclusion.

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6. Explain the relationship between the traveler's request for premium-class travel and the traveler's medical condition(s). Can the medical condition(s) be accommodated by any means other than travel in premium class? If the answer to any of the following questions is no, please fully explain the reasons for your response and the relation to the traveler's medical condition.

a. Can the traveler's medical condition(s) be accommodated by travel in bulkhead seating? Yes or No

b. Can the traveler's medical condition(s) be accommodated by travel in aisle seating? Yes or No

c. Is the traveler medically able to tolerate seating in coach class for any period of time? Yes or No If the answer to this question is yes, please state the maximum duration. \_\_\_\_\_

d. Can seating in coach class with periodic movement around the cabin accommodate the traveler's medical condition(s)? Yes or No

e. Can the traveler's medical condition(s) be accommodated by periodic in-flight exercises designed to minimize the physical impacts of the flight? Yes or No

f. Can the traveler's medical condition(s) be accommodated by purchase of two adjoining coach seats? Yes or No

7. Does the traveler require an attendant for medical services during travel, and if so, is it necessary for the attendant to be constantly with the employee while en route? \_\_\_\_\_. If so, explain the duties of the attendant during the time of travel.

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\_\_\_\_\_

8. Physician's Recommendation:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Approval
- \_\_\_\_\_ Approval with modifications as noted below.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Denial based on reasons below.

Comments:

9. Physician's stamp:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number e-mail Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address

**Part III – Premium-Class Travel Approval Authority Determination**

The request for First-Class/Business-Class travel for (enter full Name of traveler)  
\_\_\_\_\_ is approved/disapproved.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Type Full Name, Rank and Office Symbol of  
Premium-Class Approving Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Premium Class Approving Signature

**Contractor Identification Memorandum/Letter of Authorization**

<OFFICIAL AGENCY LETTERHEAD>

MEMORANDUM FOR TRAVEL AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL

SUBJECT: Travel of Government Contractor by Military aircraft

<Full Name of Contractor, Social Security Number>, with <Name of Company>, is authorized as a required passenger aboard Military aircraft to travel to <Location> on <Dates> for the purpose of <Detailed Justification>. Commercial transportation cannot meet the requirements of this mission because <Reason>. This authorization is made in compliance with DOD 4515.13-R, C 2.2.9.

The individual named above is assigned to this mission in accordance with the terms of DOD Contract <Contract Number>. This person's presence on this mission does not displace other government official passengers, nor will the aircraft size be increased as a result of this person's presence on the flight.

\*If contract includes travel funds for commercial travel, then: <Name of Company/Individual> must reimburse the government within five days of completion of travel at the commercial coach fare for this trip. The billing address for reimbursement is <Contractor Billing Address>.

<Signature of Senior Official>

### Comparison Chart of Estimated Helo Times and Distances

Location From the Pentagon to...	Ground Statute Miles	Ground Times		Air	
		Non-Rush (Hours)	Rush (Hours)	Nautical Miles	Time (Hours)
Aberdeen Proving Ground	75	1.50	3.00	55	.80
Andrews AFB	15	0.25	0.83	9	.40
Antietam National Battleground	80	2.00	3.00	36	.40
Baltimore City/vicinity	45	1.00	1.50	30	.40
Carlisle Barracks	115	3.00	4.00	80	1.00
Charlottesville	120	3.00	4.00	78	1.10
Chancellorsville National Battlefield	60	1.33	2.20	45	.65
Fredricksburg National Battlefield	60	1.33	2.20	40	.60
Fort AP Hill	70	2.00	3.00	49	.65
Fort Detrick	55	1.00	2.00	36	.50
Fort Lee	125	3.00	4.00	97	1.20
Fort Meade	30	.75	1.25	20	.40
Gettysburg National Battlefield	85	2.00	3.00	55	.80
Patuxent Naval Air Station	78	2.00	2.50	46	.65
Quantico Marine Base	35	1.00	1.50	24	.40
Xerox Training Center	35	1.00	1.50	26	.40

### ENCLOSURE 4 - Comparison Chart of Estimated Times and Distances

### **VIP Codes for Airlift Requests**

1. President or Heads of State
2. Vice-President, Cabinet Members, Members of Congress, Governors, Service Secretaries and Chiefs of Staff, and Five-Star Generals
3. Under Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries, Vice Chief of Staff, and Four-Star Generals
4. Deputy Assistant Secretaries, Three-Star Generals, SES/ES
5. Two-Star Generals, SES/ES
6. One-Star Generals, SES/ES
7. Army/USAF Colonels, Navy Captains (O6), GS-15
8. Sergeant Major of the Army, Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps

**SAMPLE OF SPOUSE AGENDA****YOUR LETTERHEAD**

SUBJECT: Itinerary for Visit of Mrs. John Doe, Spouse of LTG John D. Doe, Commander,  
U.S. Army Pacific  
IN PARTY: TBD  
PURPOSE: Orientation Visit

**Monday, 8 February 2005**

0900 Arrive New Toyko International Airport; met by Protocol  
0900-1030 Airport procedures  
1030-1100 En route Distinguished Visitors Quarters (DVQ); Activities as desired  
1100-1130 Orientation Briefing  
1130-1230 Lunch hosted by Mrs. Smith with roundtable discussion on quality of life issues having highest community interest (Cathy Rogers, Spouse, CS; Robin White, Spouse, DC; Dods Brown, Spouse of Commander, 17<sup>TH</sup> ASG; Barbara Carter, Spouse, Commander, USARPAC)  
1230-1240 En route Army Community Services (ACS)  
1240-1315 ACS Brief/open discussions with ACS staff regarding program needs and unique concerns, and tour of facility  
1315-1320 En route Community Activities Center (CAC)  
1320-1400 Sensing session with New Parent Support Program Group to include active duty and spouse participants  
1400-1405 En route Child Development Center (CDC)  
1405-1445 Visit CDC/discussions with care givers, CDC staff regarding needs and services provided  
1445-1450 En route Youth Activities  
1450-1530 Visit Youth Center/discussions with Youth Activities Staff on Youth Programs  
1530-1540 En route Library  
1540-1615 Visit Library/check current available resources and response times on ordered materials  
1615-1630 En route DVQ  
1630-1750 Activities as desired and prepare for reception  
1750-1800 Walk to Community Club  
1800-TBD Reception and Dinner

**Tuesday, 9 February 2005**

0755-0800 En route Quarters 1000  
0800-0900 Breakfast hosted by Mrs. Smith  
0900-0905 En route Elementary School  
0905-1000 Visit Elementary School/discussions with the Principal on standards for DODDS and where the school falls in the large overall picture compared to the Elementary Schools in the U.S.  
1000-1005 En route Community Support Facilities  
1005-1115 Tour and discussions with personnel of the Community Support Facilities  
1115-1120 En route Community Club  
1120-1300 AFTB/Family Support Meeting/Working Luncheon and discussions on quality of life issues with a cross-section of Battalion spouses with opening and closing remarks by Mrs. Smith

**ENCLOSURE 6 - Sample of Spouse Agenda**

