Junior Officer Advisory Group (JOAG)
Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Workgroup

Space-A-Travel Tips for USPHS Officers

What is Space-A Travel?

Space Available Travel (Space-A Travel) allows service members and their eligible dependents to travel to various locations on military aircraft at little or no cost. Flights are not commercial, but rather military DOD-controlled flights with a mission. Therefore, flights may be unpredictable, and seats are not guaranteed, so flexible plans are imperative.

Travel Categories

Category I	Emergency leave unfunded travel
Category II	Accompanied Environmental and Morale Leave (EML)
Category III	Ordinary leave, relatives, house hunting permissive temporary duty (TDY), Medal of Honor holders and foreign military
Category IV	Unaccompanied EML
Category V	Permissive TDY (non-house hunting), students, dependents, post deployment/mobilization respite absence & others
Category VI	Retired, dependents, reserve, Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC), Nuclear Propulsion Officer Candidate (NUPOC), Civil Engineer Corps (CEC), veterans with a permanent service-connected disability rated as total, surviving spouses of service members who died in active duty, inactive duty training or annual training status, and retired military members

Categories determine priority of boarding, with Category I having first priority and Category VI having last priority. Most Active Duty USPHS officers and family fall under Category III, while retired USPHS officers and family fall under Category VI.

DOD Instruction 4515.13 provides a complete list of eligible passengers by category.

Travel Instructions

1. Travel eligibility | Determine travel eligibility as listed above. Note: Officers must be on leave and remain in leave status to be eligible to sign-up and utilize Space-A-travel.

2. Locations | Review common destinations offered at your nearest Air Mobility Command (AMC) Passenger Terminal. Check this link for a list of all the military terminals.

3. Document check | Ensure you have the required travel documents (i.e., military ID, passport with visas, or your EML order). Customs and Immigration requirements may change, be sure to contact your departure passenger terminal for most up to date travel restrictions.

4. Sign up to travel | Contact your nearest AMC Passenger Terminal, either online automatically to the nearest AMC Passenger Terminal, by email, or in person. You may also review the sign-up options on the website.

5. Flight schedules | Contact your nearest AMC Passenger Terminal to see the 72-hour flight schedule.

6. Checking in | Check in at the terminal counter to mark yourself present before roll call. Review updated flight information and follow instructions given by the passenger service agents.

Tips

Must be on leave: • Request leave in ECORPS and take screenshot • Fill out form PHS-1345	What to wear: • Dress in layers as temperatures may vary • No sandals, opened-toed shoes, or high-heals
Luggage allowance per person: • 1 carry on – TSA approved • 2 checked bags < 70 lbs each or up to 62 inches (some aircrafts may limit < 30 lbs) • Pack light	Smartphone Apps allow you to sign up for multiple terminals: • Take-A-Hop • MilSpaceA
Do not leave the terminal until flight has left. Often seats will open up last minute.	Be flexible, and have at least one backup plan.

For More Information

AMC Space Available Travel Page (af.mil)
Military One Source Space-A Travel

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