

Official Travel / TDY / TAD

General

Marines, Sailors and Federal Service employees of MARFORCOM are consistently traveling. Every member of MARFORCOM must be familiar with the Joint Travel Regulations (JTR) and the Command's travel policies/procedures in order to realize efficiencies in time and spending. The focus of this newsletter is to educate the reader on travel policies, eliminate as many travel violations as possible, and ensure MARFORCOM travelers are sound stewards of Government funds and resources.

Travel Policy References

On 1 October 2014, the Joint Federal Travel Regulations and the JTR merged. The resulting JTR standardized allowances for both uniformed members and federal government employees. The most recent JTR is at <http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/travelreg.cfm>.

Travel Do's

When traveling, travelers and the Command must consider the following for use when appropriate without disrupting the mission.

- Use of the least expensive City Pair airfare available.
- Use of the least expensive transportation mode to and from the transportation terminal.
- Use of Government quarters, if they are available to you.
- Use of the least expensive authorized / approved Special conveyance / rental vehicle (both in terms of using the compact size and the least expensive vendor).

Travel Don'ts

- Choosing not to use the contract carrier because of personal preference, frequent flyer benefits, etc.
- Choosing to travel by an indirect route, causing excess travel time for personal convenience.
- Using contract City Pair airfares under GSA contract intended for official government business for personal travel.
- Charging personal travel expenses to your Government Travel Charge Card is misuse. A DoD traveler who misuses their GTCC is subject to administrative and/or disciplinary action.

Travel Fraud?

Travelers are liable under 18 U.S.C., sections 287 and 1001, and the False Claims Act 31 U.S.C., sections 3729-3731, if they knowingly submit false, fictitious, or fraudulent claims. When a suspected fraudulent claim is presented for payment, certifying officers or disbursing officers shall follow the policies and procedures outlined in Volume 5, Chapter 25, section 2504.

Reference: DoD 7000.14-R FMR Ch 5 para 050203

Travel Scandals

Poor judgment in travel has been proven to span the ranks...

FLTCM Ramirez.

<http://www.navytimes.com/story/military/2015/07/27/report-fltcm-ramirez-gamed-navy-fly-style/30402317/>

General Ward.

<http://archive.armytimes.com/article/20121113/NEWS/211130305/4-star-who-headed-AFRICOM-demoted>

Do not ruin your career by trying to game the system!

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