Frequently Asked Questions

Can I have family members travel with another military member if given power of attorney, other releases, or authority?

Answer: No, family members may only travel when accompanied by their sponsor. With some exceptions; dependents of retired Uniformed Services members who die overseas, travel is authorized for the purpose of accompanying remains of the deceased retired member from overseas to CONUS. Dependents of deployed members can use Space-A when military sponsor is deployed for more than 30 days.

Do I have to be in uniform to travel?

Answer: Each service determines its own travel uniform policies. When civilian clothing is worn on DoD-owned or controlled aircraft it should be in good taste and not in conflict with accepted attire in the overseas country of departure, transit or destination, as defined by the DoD Foreign Clearance Guide. Clothing should also be capable of keeping you warm especially on military aircraft. Passengers are reminded high heeled, open toed and "five finger" styled shoes may not be worn on military aircraft.

How much baggage can I take?

Answer: As a Space-A traveler, you may check two pieces of luggage at 70 pounds each per person. Family members traveling together may pool their baggage allowance as long as number of bags does not exceed the total allowance. Each passenger is permitted to hand-carry one article (small luggage, garment bags, backpack, etc.) and one personal item (cosmetic case, purse, briefcase, small boxes, packages, etc.) for storage in the passenger cabin area.

Is Space-Available travel a reasonable substitute for commercial airline travel?

Answer: The answer depends on you. Space-A travel may be a good travel choice if you have a flexible schedule and your finances allow for a hotel stay (sometimes in a "high-cost" area) while awaiting movement. While some travelers may sign up and travel the same day, many factors could come together and make buying a commercial ticket your best or only option. Traveling Space-A depends on flexibility and good timing.

Who determines travel eligibility to fly Space-A?

Answer: DoD4515.13R governs travel eligibility. Passenger terminal personnel interpret travel documents and ensure travel eligibility.

How long does my name stay on the Space-A list?

Answer: All travelers remain on the list for 60 days after registration, for the duration of their travel authorization or until they are selected for travel.

What documentation do I need for dependents under 10 years old without an ID card?

Answer: Dependents less than 10 years old without an ID card should show proof of age, for example a birth certificate, passport or other government provided document.