

Military Space Available (A) Flights

Who Is Eligible for Space-A Flights?

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To take advantage of space-available flights — a.k.a. "space-A" — eligible passengers need to sign up in advance. Priority for booking is based on a system of categories that rank passengers according to their status and the nature of their travel.

In Space-A terms, your "category" of travel is your priority. The numerical order of space-available categories indicates who gets to board the plane first. Travelers in lower numbered categories move first.

Eligible Passengers

Active-Duty Service Members: Must be in a leave or pass status for the entire period of travel. This includes those on ordinary leave, emergency leave, or permissive temporary duty (TDY) for house hunting. Active-duty members may be accompanied by eligible family members 🇺🇸[The Official Home Page of the United States Army+1](#).

Guard and Reserve Members: Those in a gray-area status (retired or with 20-year letters) are eligible, along with their accompanying dependents 🇺🇸[militarytoolkit.com+1](#).

Retirees: Retired members of the uniformed services, including Airmen and Guardians, can travel Space-A. Their dependents are eligible when accompanied by the sponsor 🇺🇸[U.S. Air Force](#).

Dependents: Eligible dependents include spouses and children of active-duty, retired, or deployed service members. Dependents 18 years or older may travel unaccompanied under certain conditions, such as during a sponsor's deployment of 30 days or more. Dependents under 18 must be accompanied by an eligible adult 🇺🇸

Other Eligible Individuals:

- Medal of Honor recipients and their families
- Foreign cadets at U.S. service academies

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- DoD Education Activity (DoDEA/DoDDS) teachers traveling during school breaks
- Students who are dependents of active-duty members traveling for education-related reasons

You are placed in one of these six categories based on a combination of two criteria: your status (for example, active-duty member, DoDDS teacher, etc.), and your situation (for example, emergency leave, and ordinary leave, etc.).

Once accepted for movement, a space-available passenger may not be "bumped" by another space-available passenger, regardless of category.

Space A Travel Categories

The following is a partial listing of eligible individuals and their category of travel. A complete listing of eligible passengers by category is contained in DoD 4515.13-R, Air Transportation Eligibility. A complete listing of eligible passengers by category is found on the [AMC website](#).

Category 1- Emergency Leave Unfunded Travel. Transportation by the most expeditious routing only for bona fide immediate family emergencies, as determined by DOD Directive 1327.5. This travel privilege shall not be used in lieu of a funded travel entitlement.

- Uniformed Services members with emergency status indicated in leave orders.
- U.S. citizen civilians stationed overseas and employees of the Uniformed Services/Non-appropriated Fund (NAF) activities and whose travel from the CONUS, Alaska or Hawaii was incident to a PCS assignment at NAF expense.
- Dependents of members of the Uniformed Services when accompanied by their sponsor.
- Dependents, command sponsored of :
 - U.S. citizen civilian employees of the Uniformed Service, stationed overseas
 - U.S. citizen civilian employees of the DoD stationed overseas and paid from NAF, or
 - American Red Cross full-time paid personnel serving with a DOD Component overseas.

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Category 2 - Sponsors in an Environmental Morale Leave (EML) status and their dependents traveling with them, also in EML status. "Sponsors" includes:

Uniformed Services Members.

- U.S. citizen civilian employees of the Armed Forces who are eligible for Government-funded transportation to the United States at tour completion (including NAF employees).
- American Red Cross full-time, paid personnel on duty with DOD Component overseas.
- USO professional staff personnel on duty with the Uniformed Services.
- DODDS Teachers during the school year and for Employer-approved training during recess periods.

Category 3 – Ordinary Leave, Close Blood or Affirmative Relatives, House Hunting Permissive TDY, Medal of Honor Holders, Foreign Military, and Others.

- Uniformed Services members in a leave or pass status, other than emergency leave, including members of the reserve components on active duty, in leave or pass status.
- Dependents of a member of the Uniformed Services when accompanied by their sponsor in a leave status.
- Uniformed Services members traveling under permissive TDY orders for house hunting incident to a pending PCS.
- One dependent may accompany a Uniformed Services member.
- Medal of Honor recipients and their dependents (when accompanied by their sponsor). Except for active duty, traveler shall present a copy of the Medal of Honor Award Certificate.
- Foreign cadets and midshipmen attending U.S. Service academies, in a leave status.
- Foreign Exchange Service members on permanent duty with the DoD, when in a leave status.
- Dependents of foreign exchange Service members on permanent duty with the Department of Defense when accompanied by their sponsor.

Category 4 – Unaccompanied Dependents on EML and DODDS Teachers on EML During Summer.

- Dependents traveling under the EML Program, unaccompanied by their sponsor.

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- DODDS teachers of dependents accompanied or unaccompanied traveling under the EML Program.

Category 5 – Permissive TDY (Non-House Hunting) Students, Dependents and Others.

- Military personnel traveling on permissive TDY orders other than for househunting.
- Dependents (children) who are college students attending in residence at an overseas branch of an American (U.S) university located in the same overseas area in which they reside, command sponsored, stationed overseas with their sponsor, who is: (1) A member of the Uniformed Services; (2) A U.S. citizen civilian employee of the Department of Defense (paid from either appropriated funds or NAF); or (3) An American Red Cross full-time, paid employee serving with the Department of Defense.
- Dependents, command-sponsored, stationed overseas with their sponsor who is: (1) A member of the Uniformed Services; (2) A U.S. citizen civilian employee of the Department of Defense (paid from either appropriated funds or NAF); or (3) An American Red Cross full-time, paid employee serving with the Department of Defense. Unaccompanied travel is permitted to and from the nearest overseas military academy testing site to take scheduled entrance examinations for entry into any of the U.S. Service Academies
- Command sponsored dependents (18 years of age) of Uniformed Services members who are stationed overseas may travel unaccompanied from the sponsor's PCS duty location to the CONUS and return. Travel is also authorized within the overseas theater. Travel cannot be between two overseas theaters (i.e., from Germany to Japan). Dependents must have command-sponsored documentation signed by the Commander verifying command sponsorship. Documentation is valid for one round trip.

Category 6 – Retired, Dependents, Reserve, ROTC, NUPOS and CEC

- Retired Uniformed Services members
- Dependents of retired Uniformed Service members, when accompanied by their sponsor.
- Dependents, command sponsored, stationed overseas with their sponsor who is: (1) A member of the Uniformed Services; (2) A U.S. citizen civilian employee of the Department of Defense (paid from either appropriated funds or NAF); or (3) An American Red Cross full-time, paid employee serving with the Department of Defense. Unaccompanied travel is permitted to the U.S. for enlisting in one of the Armed Forces when local enlistment in the overseas area is not authorized. If an applicant for Military

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Service is rejected, return travel to the overseas area may be provided under this eligibility

- Authorized Reserve component members and authorized Reserve component members entitled to retired pay at age 60 (gray area retirees) traveling in the CONUS and directly between the CONUS and Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa (Guam and American Samoa travelers may transit Hawaii or Alaska); or traveling within Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico or the U.S. Virgin Islands
- Newly commissioned ROTC officers who are awaiting call to extended active duty. Travel is authorized within and between the CONUS, Alaska, Hawaii, and the U.S. territories.

How to Register:

At most bases, there are four ways to sign up for Space A travel:

1. A completed AMC Form 140
2. On-line registration (e-mail)
3. Fax
4. In person

If you are on active duty, you **MUST** be on leave or pass status at the time you register for Space A travel. You must also be in such status while you're waiting to be accepted.

The following information is generally required for a successful sign up:

- ← Name
- ← Rank/Grade
- ← Social Security Number
- ← Branch of service
- ← Start and stop dates of leave (for active duty only)
- ← Category (I - VI)
- ← Number of passengers traveling with you
- ← Destination (up to five may be chosen)

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- ← Name and Social Security Numbers of any dependents who will be traveling with you

Sponsors who register in person for family members traveling with them should present all required documents:

- ← Identification cards (DD Form 2, Armed Forces Identification Card)
- ← Passports
- ← Immunization records
- ← Visas when required by the DoD Foreign Clearance Guide

[Travel documents](#) must be presented when selected for travel. Travelers may select up to five countries. We recommend the "all" choice for the 5th destination so that the traveler may take advantage of unscheduled unique travel opportunities.

After you register, an email will be sent to the selected departure location and to your e-mail address. You will compete for seats within a [travel category](#) based on the date and time of your registration. This determines your selection on all flights to your selected destination. When you get to your final destination, be sure to sign-up immediately for your return travel. This will give you the "best" date and time for competing for seats on those flights.

You can sign up at multiple [gateways](#) where you think you will originate your travel. Once registered, your names remain on the Space A flights register for whichever occurs first:

- ← 60 days, or
- ← the duration of the travel orders/leave authorization, or
- ← until you are selected for travel

Active duty military may travel on a pass in the CONUS and selected overseas areas but may only remain on the Space Available register for 72 hours.

Passengers authorized (in writing) for a special 96-hour pass will remain on the list for 96 hours. If a passenger subsequently presents a leave order valid for the (pass) day of sign up, during or after the 72-hour period, they must sign up again with a new date and time.

Passengers who possess expired leave authorizations will not be able to register unless a leave extension has been approved. A verbal confirmation will be acceptable. Passengers already on the space available register requesting a leave extension are required to notify passenger service personnel prior to their leave expiration date. Your name will remain on the space available register as long as you are pursuing a leave extension. Passengers will not

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be selected or moved until an extension has been approved.

There are four types of sign-up:

- ← **Country** - Under this program, you may sign up for five different countries rather than five different destinations. You are also eligible for the "ALL" sign-up which makes you eligible for all other destinations served. This gives you a greater selection of destinations from which to choose.
- ← **Remote** - Remote sign-up allows passengers to enter the backlog by telefaxing copies of proper service documentation along with desired country destinations and family members' first names to the aerial port of departure. The telefax data header will establish date/time of sign-up; therefore, active duty personnel must ensure the telefax is sent no earlier than the effective date of leave. AMC terminals are not responsible for faxes not received. Mail entries will also be permitted. Some of our AMC terminals now accept e-mail sign-up (see paragraph 11 for those terminals so equipped). The original date and time of sign-up shall be documented and stay with the passenger until his or her destination is reached. On reaching destination, the passenger may again sign-up for space available travel to return to home station. NOTE: If applicable, a statement that all required border clearance documents are current, is required.
- ← **Self** - Self sign-up is a program that allows passengers to sign-up at a terminal without waiting in line. Most locations now provide self sign-up counters with easy to follow instructions for registration. Active duty personnel must ensure sign-up takes place no earlier than the effective date of leave. If your travel will take you to a foreign country, ensure [border clearance documentation](#) is up to date. If you are unsure, verify it with a passenger service representative on duty.
- ← **All** - Eligible to sign up for all other destinations served and gives the traveler a greater selection of destinations from which to choose.

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Retirees fly as category 6

International Space A Web Site: takeahop.com

Enter on request: Travel during period of leave time. Make a copy of request and have available at check in for verification.

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Andrews AFB: 888 360 8700

AMC Passenger Terminal - Andrews is open 24 hours.

AMC Passenger Terminal Andrews AFB

1245 Arnold Ave.

Andrews AFB, MD 20762

Phone: (301) 981-1854/3604

DSN: 858-1854/3604

Fax: (301) 981-4241

DSN: 858-4241

E-Mail: passenger@andrews.af.mil

Same Day Flight Recording: 301-981-3527

Next Day Flight Recording: 301-981-5851

Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.

Web Page: <http://www.jointbasemdl.af.mil/passengerterminal.asp>

Email: wripax@mcguire.af.mil

Same Day Flight Information Comm: (609) 754-5023/8817

Same Day Flight Information DSN: (312) 650-5023/8817

Next Day Flight Information Comm: (609) 754-5023/8817

Next Day Flight Information DSN: (312) 650-5023/8817

72hr Flight Recording: 1-800-569-8284 extension 754-9950

PSC Comm: (609) 754-5023/8817

PSC DSN: (312) 650-5023/8817

Fax Comm: (609) 754-4621

Dobbins AFB, GA

DSN: 625-4903	DSN: 625-6155
Commercial: (678) 655-4903	Commercial: (678) 655-6155

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Dover AFB, DE

Dover AFB DE	DSN: 445-4088 Commercial: (302) 677-4088	DSN: 445-2953 Commercial: (302) 677-2953	DSN 445-2854 Commercial (302) 677-2854
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Email: 436APS.spacea@dover.af.mil

Charleston AFB, SC

DSN: 673-3083/3048 Commercial: (843) 963-3083/3048	DSN: 673-3060 Commercial: (843) 963-3060	DSN: 673-3082 Commercial: (843) 963-3082
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Email: spacea@charleston.af.mil

Rhinestine AFB

International Phone: 011-49-6371-46-4161

Patriot Express

Baltimore-Washington International BWI

Patriot Express

410-918-6900

Departs BWI on Monday going to Ramstein and returns on Tuesday

MS and TN Area Space A Sites:

Memphis, TN Space A Travel Information

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164th Airlift Wing

TN Air National Guard

4593 Swinney Rd, Memphis, TN

Ops 901-291-7132 Cdr 7126

Space A Coordinator: 901-291-7202 Tues-Fri Bldg 4575

164AW.SpaceA@ang.af.mil

Keesler Air Force Base Space A Travel Information

<http://www.spacea.net/keesler-afb>

<http://www.keesler.af.mil/About-Us/Fact-Sheets/Display/Article/607214/space-a-travel/>

186 Refueling Wing (RW) Space A Information

MS Air National Guard, Meridian, MS

The 186 ARW Space-A Office has a flight information recording accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Commercial#: 601-484-9000, Option 4

DSN#: 778-9000, Option 4

The Space-A Office is available every other Monday, and every Tuesday thru Friday from 0800L-1100L, and 1230L-1530L.

Commercial#: 601-484-9970

DSN#: 778-9970

Space-A sign up can be accomplished via fax or email

Commercial Fax# 601-484-9029

DSN Fax#: 778-9029

Email: usaf.ms.186-arw.mbx.space-a-travel@mail.mil

Mailing address:

186ARW/LGRDA

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6225 M Street
Meridian MS 39307-7112

The 186ARW has limited accommodations for Space-A travelers:

No billeting is available, however, there are hotels in the local area.

No off base transportation is available, however, there are phones available to contact local taxi services

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172 Air Wing (AW) Space A Travel Information Flowood, MS

The 172 AW Space A Office has a Flight Information Recording accessible 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week.

Comm. 601-405-8761

DSN 828-8761

The Space A Travel Office has a representative available every other Monday, and every Tuesday-Friday from 0930L-1130L, and 1200L-1530L.

Comm. 601-405-8761

DSN 828-8761

Space A sign up can be accomplished via fax: Comm. 601-405-8698 DSN 828-8698

E-mail: 172-aw.mbx.space-a@mail.mil

141 Military Drive

Jackson MS 39232

The 172 AW has limited accommodations for Space A travelers:

No billeting is available, however there are several hotels in the local area.

No transportation off base is available.

Phones are available 24/7 to contact local taxi services and hotels