

Space-A Travel

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Flexibility is an unofficial requirement of service members and military family members. Without it, moving from place to place or juggling long stretches of separation would be impossible, but did you know that your finely-tuned flexibility could double as a travel companion?

Space available, otherwise known as Space-A, military flights are a great perk for military families as long as you can go with the flow. Wondering if you have what it takes? How would you like a no- or low-cost trip to Japan, tropical Hawaii, scenic Alaska or even European destinations like Germany or Italy? If you're up for the adventure, you'll need to understand the basics of Space-A before you start packing.

Space-A seating on military-contracted flights is only available to service members, retirees, certain DoD employees and their eligible family members. National Guard and Reserve Component members may qualify with a few restrictions, and unless you're an eligible family member seeking Space-A under certain circumstances, like more than 120 days of deployment or environmental and morale leave, then you should plan to travel with your service member.

Registering for a Space-A flight, especially to and from desirable locations, can be pretty competitive, so it's best to act early. To register, uniformed service members must be on leave or pass status and they simply bring their military ID and leave papers to the military passenger terminal they will be departing. Once registered, Space-A travelers are assigned to a category one through six based on priority. As a reminder, be sure to register for a return flight when you arrive at your destination.

Space-A might not be as reliable as purchasing an airline ticket or hopping in your family car to drive across the country, but you can't beat the price. Learn more through Military OneSource and the Air Mobility Command travel page at <http://www.amc.af.mil/amctravel> and check out your options. If your travel plans are flexible and you're open to an adventure, there may just be a seat with your name on it!

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