

KOREA LEVY BRIEFING

Congratulations on your selection for assignment to Korea. The following information is provided to fulfill the levy briefing requirement of AR 600-8-11. This information is provided in an attempt to give information that may be useful in your upcoming PCS.

* Soldiers who are going to Korea unaccompanied are authorized storage of a Privately Owned Vehicle (POV) at government expense, and are not authorized to ship a POV. If you are approved for Command Sponsorship and are taking your Family with you, or you are on a Joint Domicile tour, you are authorized shipment of a POV, and are not authorized to store a POV.

* All travel to Korea is to be accomplished by use of Patriot Express. Patriot Express is a government contracted flight from SEATAC to either Osan Army Air Base or Kiempo International Airport. These flights are usually only twice per week, so you need to schedule your flight as soon as possible. We are required to get you to Korea on or before your report date. So if your report date is the 10th of the month, and the closest flight to the 10th is on the 5th, you will fly on the 5th. Every CONUS installation is competing for these flights for Korea, so seats get filled fast. So again, make your reservations early. No other source of travel is authorized. You will need your Government Travel Card to pay for the travel.

* Depending on your location in Korea, your tour length (in months) will be as follows:

	Accompanied	Unaccompanied
Korea (Other than those listed below)	36/24	12
Uijeongbu (Camp Red Cloud, Stanley, Jackson)	24	12
Dongducheon (Camp Casey, Hovey, Castle, Mobile)	24	12
Chongju AB	N/A	12
Gwangju AB (ROK)	N/A	12
Joint Security Area	N/A	12
Kunsan AB	N/A	12
Mujak/Pohang	N/A	12

* If you plan on taking your Family with you to Korea, you must apply for Family Travel by filling out [DA Forms 4787](#), [5888](#), and [7246](#). These forms get turned into us at Reassignments. We in turn take them to Madigan for a medical screening. If your medical records are not up-to-date, Madigan will contact you to schedule an appointment to see your Family Members. Once these forms are returned to us from Madigan, we send them to the Overseas Command (Korea) for a Family Travel Decision. Your Family cannot travel to the Overseas Command until we receive this decision from the Overseas Command. The

normal processing time for Family Travel requests is 60-90 days, depending on the medical conditions of your Family. If there are EFMP Family Members identified by Madigan, Korea will forward your application to the servicing Medical Facility in servicing your area in Korea to ensure that proper health care needed for your Family Members is available. If it is not, Family Travel will be denied. **If you have EFMP Family Members, you cannot depart until the Overseas Command makes a decision on your Family Travel. This may involve an involuntary deferment until a decision is received.** If services are available, Korea will then coordinate with the community you are to be assigned to for a housing determination. If they can get your Family into housing within 30 days after arrival, you will be granted concurrent travel, which means your Family Travels with you to Korea. If you are granted concurrent travel and your Family does not travel with you, your BAH will be discontinued until they do. If housing is not projected to be available for 31+ days, you will be granted deferred travel, which means your Family cannot travel with you until housing becomes available. If you plan on your Family travelling later to Korea, you should request deferred travel instead of concurrent travel so that your BAH is not affected. If you chose or are granted deferred travel, you must coordinate with the housing office in the community you are assigned to for your Family to be authorized to travel. Once your Family Travel is approved, Korea will coordinate with us so we can prepare an amendment for your Family to travel and your household goods can be shipped. For Soldiers who take their Family Members with them to Korea, your tour will be 24 months. If you are married and choose to not take your Family with you, you can choose an "All Others" tour. If you choose to leave your Family behind and serve an "All Others" (12 month) tour, you are authorized to relocate your Family anywhere within the 48 Continental States. If your Family is moved at government expense, you cannot later ask to bring your Family to Korea.

In addition, your Family also will require government no-fee passports and VISA's to travel to Korea. The Passports take approximately 5-8 weeks to process depending on seasonal rotations. You will need original birth certificates, your marriage certificate, and ID cards at a minimum to apply for these passports. They are submitted through the Reassignment section, so please schedule an appointment as soon as possible after you are notified you are on assignment. Once your passport returns, you will need to sign them, and then we forward them to the Korean Consulate for VISA's. This usually takes an additional 4 weeks.

You are required to have proof ([DA Form 4036](#)) verifying that you have had a HIV test showing a negative result within 6 months of your report date to Korea. This will be checked at out-processing. You will not be able to pick up clearance papers until your HIV is current and up-to-date, and you can show out-processing that you meet the standard.

All Soldiers on assignment to Japan or Korea are required to receive the Japanese Encephalitis vaccine. This is a two shot series which must be completed in a 30 day time period. This is a live vaccine which can only be administered at the SRC.

If you serve an unaccompanied tour to Korea and you are a SPC (P) or above, you are normally offered a return assignment upon completion of your tour. Officers would need to coordinate with the appropriate branch to determine if they are eligible for a HAAP or not. There are 2 options. (1) You are offered a return assignment to Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM). If you accept, your Family remains at JBLM while you serve your tour. If you wish to relocate your Family to somewhere else within CONUS, you must decline your return assignment, and you when you return from Korea it will be based on needs of the Army. (2) You are offered a return assignment to some other CONUS installation. If you accept, you may leave your Family at JBLM or pre-locate them at the new duty station. If you wish to relocate your Family to somewhere else within CONUS, you must decline your return assignment, and you when

you return from Korea it will be based on needs of the Army. You cannot choose anything other than what HRC offered. If you are unsure as to what you were offered, please ask at the front counter.

Your PCS orders will contain information on obtaining Clearance Papers to clear the installation, information on the Finance Briefing, and how to schedule for household goods pick-up.

IAW AR 614-30, para 3-5a (5) - Command sponsorship will not be granted to a dependent who is a registered sex offender. Command sponsorship is to be revoked for a dependent who becomes a registered sex offender while accompanying his or her sponsor during an overseas assignment and the dependent will be processed for early return of dependents. Soldiers will declare in writing, during reassignment processing with the orders issuance authority, whether or not they have Family members with qualifying convictions. You can get an example of the memorandum required from the Passport/Family Travel office to fulfill this requirement.