

ALARACT 059/2023

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SUBJ/ALARACT 059/2023 – SECONDARY USE OF OPERATIONAL SUPPORT AIRLIFT (OSA) FOR OFFICIAL TRAVEL

THIS ALARACT MESSAGE HAS BEEN TRANSMITTED BY JSP ON BEHALF OF DCS, G-3/5/7

1. (U) REFERENCES:

1.A. (U) OMB CIRCULAR NO. A-126 REVISED, IMPROVING THE MANAGEMENT AND USE OF GOVERNMENT AIRCRAFT, (AVAILABLE AT [HTTPS://WWW.WHITEHOUSE.GOV/](https://www.whitehouse.gov/))

1.B. (U) DODD 4500.56, DOD POLICY ON THE USE OF GOVERNMENT AIRCRAFT AND AIR TRAVEL

1.C. (U) DODI 4500.43, OPERATIONAL SUPPORT AIRLIFT

1.D. (U) AD 2017-05, SECRETARY OF THE ARMY POLICY FOR TRAVEL BY DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY SENIOR OFFICIALS

1.E. (U) AD 2020-14, ARMY SPOUSE TRAVEL

2. (U) PURPOSE. THIS MESSAGE AMPLIFIES REGULATORY LANGUAGE PERTAINING TO SECONDARY USE OF ARMY OSA AIRCRAFT.

3. (U) BACKGROUND.

3.A. (U) ON 12 JUN 18, THE ARMY AUDIT AGENCY PUBLISHED RESULTS FOR AN AUDIT OF THE ARMY'S NON-EXECUTIVE OSA REQUIREMENTS. THIS REPORT WAS REQUESTED BY THE FORMER DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF (DCS), G-3/5/7 TO VERIFY SUFFICIENT AND APPROPRIATE USE OF OSA AIRCRAFT DURING PEACETIME. THE ARMY AUDIT AGENCY MADE TWO KEY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE DCS, G-3/5/7.

3.B. (U) THE FIRST KEY RECOMMENDATION WAS TO REVISE AD 2017-05 BY REMOVING DISCOURAGING LANGUAGE RELATED TO USING OSA AIRCRAFT. AD 2017-05 AND AD 2020-14 WILL BE INCORPORATED (AND PUBLISHED) IN A FUTURE ARMY REGULATION.

3.C. (U) THE SECOND KEY RECOMMENDATION WAS TO ISSUE A MEMORANDUM

ENCOURAGING THE USE OF THE OSA PROGRAM AND ITS BENEFIT TO THE ARMY.

4. (U) EXECUTION.

4.A. (U) DODI 4500.43 REQUIRES MANAGEMENT OF OSA AIRCRAFT TO MAXIMIZE WARTIME READINESS, EFFICIENCY, COST-EFFECTIVENESS, AND PEACETIME USE. PEACETIME UTILIZATION PROVIDES VALUABLE AIRCREW TRAINING AND A COST-EFFECTIVE MEANS OF TRAVEL WHEN APPROPRIATE AND AVAILABLE.

4.B. (U) IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-126, OFFICIAL TRAVEL (EXCLUDING REQUIRED USERS) "SHALL BE AUTHORIZED ONLY WHEN THE ACTUAL COST OF USING A GOVERNMENT AIRCRAFT IS NOT MORE THAN THE COST OF USING COMMERCIAL AIRLINE OR AIRCRAFT (INCLUDING CHARTER) SERVICE. WHEN A FLIGHT IS BEING MADE TO MEET MISSION REQUIREMENTS [...] SECONDARY USE OF THE AIRCRAFT FOR OTHER TRAVEL OR CONDUCT OF AGENCY BUSINESS MAY BE PRESUMED TO RESULT IN COST SAVINGS (I.E., COST COMPARISONS ARE NOT REQUIRED)."

4.C. (U) DODD 4500.56 OUTLINES PROCEDURES FOR SCHEDULING AGENCIES TO COMPARE COSTS OF COMMERCIAL VERSUS MILITARY AIRCRAFT (MILAIR) TRAVEL. THE DIRECTIVE STATES THAT WHEN AN AIRCRAFT HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO SATISFY A MISSION REQUIREMENT (THAT IS, TRAINING/PROFICIENCY FOR AIRCREWS), SECONDARY USE OF THAT AIRCRAFT FOR OTHER OFFICIAL TRAVEL DOES NOT REQUIRE A COST COMPARISON.

4.D. (U) DODI 4500.43 FURTHER OUTLINES PROCEDURES FOR DETERMINING COST MANAGEMENT OF OSA REQUESTS. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD) COMPONENTS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO CALCULATE COST COMPARISONS FOR THE USE OF GOVERNMENT AIRCRAFT TO MEET MISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR DOD OFFICIAL TRAVEL [...] THE SECONDARY USE OF THE AIRCRAFT FOR OTHER OFFICIAL TRAVELERS TO CONDUCT DOD BUSINESS IS PRESUMED TO RESULT IN COST SAVINGS AND REQUIRES NO COST COMPARISONS.

4.E. (U) IN ACCORDANCE WITH DODD 4500.56 COST COMPARISONS ARE CONDUCTED BY THE SCHEDULING AGENCY, NOT THE MILAIR REQUESTER OR TRAVEL AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL. THE DETERMINATION OF WHETHER "SECONDARY USE" IS APPLICABLE RESIDES WITH EITHER THE JOINT OPERATIONAL SUPPORT AIRLIFT CENTER (JOSAC) OR THE ARMY OPERATIONAL SUPPORT AIRLIFT ACTIVITY; IT IS NOT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE REQUESTOR OR THE AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL TO DETERMINE.

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6. (U) THIS ALARACT MESSAGE EXPIRES ON 18 JULY 2024.