

## INFORMATION PAPER

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SUBJECT: USCENTCOM Rest & Recuperation (R&R) Leave Program

1. Purpose. To provide current information on the USCENTCOM R&R Leave Program

2. Facts.

a. On 25 Sep 03, USCENTCOM initiated an R&R Leave Program for all service members, Active or Reserve, and DOD civilian employees assigned to a 12-month tour of duty to one of 17 designated contingency countries within the USCENTCOM AOR in support of Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom. The seventeen countries designated for R&R eligibility are Afghanistan, Bahrain, Djibouti, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Syria, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, United Arab Emirates, and Yemen.

b. The final decision regarding eligibility rests with the commander within theater and is based upon the following factors.

(1) Mission. The commander may determine that mission constraints require the restriction of R&R leave.

(2) Personnel strength. No more than 10 percent of the force within theater can be on leave at one time.

(3) Re-deployment activities. In some cases, personnel assigned to units scheduled to re-deploy to their home stations within 90 days may not be able to take R&R leave.

Although many personnel may be eligible for R&R leave, not every eligible member will be able to take R&R leave due to mission constraints, personnel strength, or redeployment activities.

c. On 1 Jan 04, CFLCC implemented the Fully Funded Onward Movement Program, which authorizes payment of all airline expenses for service members and DoD civilians who have traveled on R&R leave since 19 Dec 03. Authorization for retroactive reimbursement of airline costs became effective 21 Jun 04. Under this authorization, service members who traveled on R&R leave during the period 25 Sep-18 Dec 03 can receive reimbursement if they paid for their airline tickets from the APOD to their leave destinations. Retroactive reimbursement is not authorized for DoD civilians. Instructions for submitting

claims are at the following web address:

[http://www.armyg1.army.mil/WellBeing/RRLeave/Retro\\_Reimb.htm](http://www.armyg1.army.mil/WellBeing/RRLeave/Retro_Reimb.htm)

d. R&R participants who choose to travel to foreign countries for their R&R leave are responsible for complying with those countries' requirements regarding passports and visas. Refer to the [Foreign Clearance Guide](#) for specific country requirements.

e. Personnel who have further questions regarding eligibility requirements or the USCENTCOM R&R Leave Program should contact CFLCC C-1 for additional information.