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**Subj: PCS ENTITLEMENTS AND SPO INSTRUCTIONS FOR PERSONNEL
REPORTING TO PATROL FORCES SOUTHWEST ASIA AND CUTTERS
SUPPORTING OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM**

- Ref: (a) [COMDT \(CG-1\) Memo of 04 Apr 06 \(NOTAL\)](#)
(b) [Joint Federal Travel Regulations, Volume 1](#)
(c) [Coast Guard Pay Manual, COMDTINST M7220.29A](#)

Introduction This E-Mail ALSPO message consolidates information on PCS travel, household goods, privately owned vehicle storage and pay entitlements for members ordered to Patrol Forces Southwest Asia (PATFOR SWA), Bahrain or a cutter deployed (for a year or more) in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Mobile Unit Designation for PATFOR SWA Cutters Per reference (a) members ordered to serve on PATFOR SWA cutters, on or after 4 April 2006, are considered to be assigned to a "Mobile Unit". They receive the same PCS, Household Goods (HHG), Privately Owned Vehicle (POV) storage, and travel entitlements as those personnel assigned ashore to PATFOR SWA. Members assigned to mobile units (other than those assigned in an administrative capacity) are entitled to continuous career sea pay (and career sea pay premium, if otherwise eligible) on the same basis as members assigned to other Coast Guard vessels.

PCS Travel Members will receive PCS Orders from their current duty station to PATFOR SWA. They also receive TAD Orders to LANTAREA for Pre-Deployment training (Note: **The only exception to this rule is for members coming from outside the U.S. (i.e. Guam, Alaska, etc.). They may request PCS/TEMDU orders from Atlantic Area (Arec-5)**)

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**PCS Travel
(cont'd)**

Following the Pre-Deployment training, members either go on leave or return to their current Duty Station. When they depart their PDS, their PCS Orders require a layover at LANTAREA, Portsmouth, VA to await transportation. Transportation from LANTAREA to PATFOR SWA is Government Procured Transportation. Members are entitled to 2 additional travel days for the flight from Portsmouth, VA to Bahrain.

Members without dependents are authorized:

- PCS travel entitlements from their old PDS via Portsmouth VA for transportation to Bahrain.
- Members may elect mode of travel to Portsmouth, VA.

Members with dependents are authorized:

- PCS travel entitlements from their old PDS via the designated place per reference (b), par. U5120-g to assist their dependents in relocating before reporting TAD/TDY to Portsmouth for training.
- Dependents can remain at their current location or travel to a designated place. A designated place is the location where the dependents will establish a permanent residence while the member serves a dependent restricted tour in Bahrain. The designated place can be any location in CONUS or OCONUS locations as indicated in reference (b), par. U5222-d1.
- Designated places must be authorized by COMDT (CG-1222). Use form CG PSC-2025A, Housing Allowance Protection Worksheet (<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/forms/psc2025a.pdf>) for requesting BAH or OHA at a designated place of dependents, or if eligible, the previous duty station (BAH location only).

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**PCS Orders
Remarks**

Include these standard remarks on all PCS orders for members assigned to
PATFOR SWA:

- A. THESE ORDERS CONSTITUTE A PCS MOVE FM _____ FOR FURTHER
ASSIGNMENT TO BAHRAIN VIA AUTH DELAY IN PORTSMOUTH, VA.
- B. DEPN INFO: WILL BE TRAVELING OOA _____ TO DESIGNATED LOCATION OF
_____. **OR** DEPENDENTS NOT RELOCATING AT THIS TIME.
- C. IAW JFTR U5012-B: ENTITLEMENTS DEPEND ON THE MBR & DEPN INDIVIDUAL TRAVEL
CIRCUMSTANCES. TRAVEL SETTLEMENTS WILL BE DETERMINED BY PSC(TVL)BASED ON TYPE
OF ORDERS/TRAVEL VOUCHER AND ACTUAL TRAVEL PERFORMED.
- D. MBR NOT AUTH POV SHIPMENT TO BAHRAIN- COMMAND RESTRICTED, IAW JFTR U5405.
- E. MBR AUTH POV STORAGE IN LIEU OF SHIPMENT AT GOVT EXPENSE IAW JFTR U5466.
STORAGE OF POV NOT AUTH IF A POV IS SHIPPED TO DESIGNATED PLACE FOR DEPN USE.
AUTH POV SHIPMENT TO DESIGNATED PLACE FOR USE BY MEMBER'S DEPENDENTS IAW JFTR,
U5410
- F. AUTH GTR TRANS FROM _____ TO BAHRAIN VIA PORTSMOUTH, VA, MOST
COST ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE COAST GUARD.
- G. OFFICIAL DISTANCE (MILEAGE) _____ FM _____ TO, IAW JFTR U5222-D.
- H. DLA NOT AUTHORIZED FOR SINGLE MEMBERS. MANDATORY GOV'T QUARTERS. **OR**
AUTH ADVANCE DLA WITH DEPENDENTS FOR PAYGRADE ____ IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$ _____, IAW JFTR U5600.
- I. MBR WAS COUNSELED ON THE TLE (U5710) ENTITLEMENTS.
- J. TVL ADVANCES REQUESTED THE AMOUNT OF \$ _____, (EXACT AMOUNT) CHARGED
AGAINST THE COAST GUARD. **or** TVL ADV NOT REQUESTED.
- PER DIEM:
 MBR: \$99.00 X (TVL DAYS) =
 DEPN: \$74.25 X
 DEPN: \$49.50 X
 MALT:
 (# OF TRAVELERS): (MILEAGE) X (CENTS) =
- K. ADV PAY NOT REQUESTED. **OR** REQUESTED ADV PAY FOR ____ MONTHS **or** SPECIFIC
AMOUNT TO BE LIQUIDATED OVER 12 MONTHS.
- L. AUTH PARTIAL SHIPMENT OF HHG'S NOT TO EXCEED COMMAND RESTRICTED WEIGHT OF
500 LBS. AUTH SHIPMENT OR NTS OF REMAINING HHG'S FOR PAYGRADE ____ WITH **or**
WITHOUT DEPN RATE IAW U5012-C.
- M. SPO ADDRESS:
COMMANDING OFFICER (SPO)
COAST GUARD INTEGRATED SUPPORT COMMAND
ATTN: PATFOR SWA
4000 COAST GUARD BLVD.
Portsmouth, VA 23703

A template for these standard remarks is available in Direct-Access. The
"Orders Note" code is "P4S".

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**HHG/
Unaccompanied
baggage**

Bahrain is designated an administrative weight restricted area for Coast Guard personnel assigned to PATFOR SWA. All members should be aware they will be required to reside in fully furnished government quarters equipped with TVs and stereos.

- Storage space is limited, so members should only ship those personal effects that can be accommodated in their assigned quarters.
- Members need not bring personal computers; there are Internet cafes at the residence and on base.
- Unaccompanied baggage shipments to Bahrain are limited to 500 pounds.
- Additional information/restrictions on HHG shipments to Bahrain can be found in Chapter 11 of the *Personal Property Consignment Information Guide* (PPCIG) available online at:
<http://www.sddc.army.mil/sddc/Content/Pub/14102/PJCN14102.pdf>.

For members without dependents, the HHG not shipped to Bahrain should be placed in NTS (non-temporary storage) at origin. Members with dependents may ship HHG to a designated place for dependents use or place them in NTS at origin.

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**POV
Transportation/
storage**

Transportation:

- Coast Guard personnel assigned to PATFOR SWA are not authorized shipment of a POV to/from Bahrain. However, a POV may be shipped to a designated place, including OCONUS, for use by the member's dependents in accordance with reference (b), par. U5410-b1.

Storage:

- POV storage is authorized in lieu of a shipment. Since POV shipment to Bahrain is restricted by service regulations, members are entitled to storage of one POV at government expense under the provisions of reference (b), par. U5466. The POV can be stored using the SDDC global POV storage program or self-procured by the member. For travel entitlement to the storage facility when accomplished concurrently with TDY enroute to the OCONUS PDS, see reference (b), par. U5468-e. For information on POV storage see SDDC pamphlet *Storing Your POV* online at: <http://www.sddc.army.mil/sddc/Content/Pub/8810/DBCN8810.pdf>.
 - Members who travel by POV to Portsmouth must arrange to place their POV in storage prior to departing for Bahrain. Storage of a POV is not authorized if a POV is shipped to a designated place for dependents use.
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**Station
Allowances
(OHA and
COLA).**

OHA is not authorized for members in Bahrain since all members will be assigned government leased quarters or shipboard berthing. While stationed in Bahrain members will be entitled to OUTCONUS COLA at the full without dependents rate. Members with dependents are authorized to receive both full OCONUS COLA at the without dependent rate, and, if payable, CONUS COLA at the with-dependents rate for the designated place of dependents. Station allowances may also be authorized by COMDT (CG-1222) for dependents residing at a designated place OCONUS per reference (b), par. U9301-b. Requests for station allowances must be submitted before the dependents relocation.

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Dislocation Allowance (DLA) Only members with dependents that relocate dependents to a designated place are authorized DLA.

BAH, OHA and COLA for Members With Dependents To request BAH for either the previous duty station location or a designated place of dependents, or OHA for a designated place of dependents, members with dependents will submit a CG PSC-2025A, Housing Allowance Protection Worksheet (<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/forms/psc2025a.pdf>) to COMDT (CG-1222) for processing.

For a member stationed OCONUS (non-BAH location), OHA cannot be requested for a previous duty station location, only for a designated place of dependents.

BAH for a previous duty station location may be authorized if the member has no intention of relocating their dependents from the residence established while receiving the BAH rate for their previous duty station. The dependents residence location must be within a reasonable commuting distance (as determined by COMDT (CG-1222) – see Note 2 below) to the previous duty station for a member to be authorized to receive the BAH for their previous duty station, if more equitable than the dependents location.

Note 1: Members who receive BAH or OHA with dependents based on the payment of child support are not eligible to submit a CG PSC-2025A. Effective upon their PCS reporting date, these members are entitled to receive BAH-DIFF, if otherwise so entitled per Section 3-C-2.c. of reference (c). If a member acquires a dependent(s) during their OCONUS assignment which changes their dependency status to a member with-dependents, the member will complete and submit a CG PSC-2025A to request BAH or OHA for the designated place of their dependent(s).

Note 2: A reasonable commuting distance is 50 miles one-way or a 2 hour round-trip, whichever is to the member's advantage.

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**BAH, OHA,
and COLA
(cont'd)**

COLA Entitlement:

If BAH is authorized for a previous duty station location, CONUS COLA, by law, cannot be paid for the previous duty station location, only the dependent's location.

If BAH or OHA is authorized for the dependents location, COLA will be based on the dependents location.

Upon processing the worksheet, COMDT (CG-1222), will mail the member a memo authoring the housing allowance for either the designated place of dependents, or if eligible, the previous duty station. A copy is also sent to the ISC Portsmouth SPO and CG PSC (MAS & FAIR).

FSA

Members with dependents, including member-married-to-member (see reference (c), Section 3-G-13), are entitled to FSA. The current rate for FSA is \$250 per month.

BAS

Officers	Officer BAS
Enlisted Members	
Assigned ashore	Enlisted BAS
While deployed to a cutter	Enlisted BAS-ESM (Essential Station Messing) less DMR (Discount Meal Rate) deduction

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**Hardship Duty
Pay, Imminent
Danger Pay
and Combat
Allowances**

Some members assigned to PATFOR SWA may be eligible for one or more of the following entitlements. Consult the references listed below to determine eligibility:

Entitlement	Reference
Hardship Duty Pay – Location	Sec. 4.A CG Pay Manual
Combat Tax Exclusion	Sec. 8.G CG Pay Manual
Combat SGLI Allowance	ALCOAST 060/06 E-Mail ALSPO B/06
Imminent Danger/Hostile Fire Pay	Sec 4.H. CG Pay Manual
Responsibility Pay (for cutter COs)	Sec 4.D. CG Pay Manual
Savings Deposit Program	Sec 7.C. PPPM (PSCINST M10002.A)

See the Special and Incentive Pays topic in the DA Online Manual for SPO procedures:

http://cgweb.psc.uscg.mil/direct-Access/pay_entitlements/special_and_incentive_pays.htm

**Entitlements
Summary**

Enclosure (1) lists the pay entitlements, described in the previous sections, in a quick reference, tabular format.

PDR Handling

Please ship SPO PDRs, via rapid, accountable means (DHL, express mail, etc.) to:

Commanding Officer (SPO)
ATTN: YNC Tina Sporkin
Coast Guard Integrated Support Command
4000 Coast Guard Blvd
Portsmouth, VA 23703

Normally (per COMDTINST M1080.10(series)) the SPO PDR is sent via regular mail. However, these transfers call for special handling to ensure timely input of transactions.

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**Points of
Contact**

ISC Portsmouth SPO:

- YNC Tina Sporkin, 757-686-4115

HHGs/POV Storage/Relocation of Dependents (OCONUS):

- Commandant (CG-1222) at (202) 267-1646

Operations/Mission issues: LANTAREA: SKCS Sandra Fletcher
Atlantic Area, (Arec-5)
PATFOR SWA Coordinator
Tel: 757-295-2220, Ext 1
Cell: 757-651-2409
Fax: 757-295-2217
Sandra.J.Fletcher@uscg.mil

Questions

Questions concerning the content of this e-mail ALSPO may be directed to
[PSC Customer Care](#) at (866) 772-8724 or (785) 339-2200.

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/s/
M. P. SULLIVAN
Executive Director

Encl: (1) [PATFOR SWA Cutter and Augmented Crew Pay Entitlements \(Effective 4 April 2006\)](#)

PAY AND ENTITLEMENTS BASED ON DEPENDENCY STATUS

Member Status	(BAH)	Conus Cost of Living Allowance (COLA)	Outconus COLA w/ out dpn (FULL)	Family Separation Allowance (\$250/month) ^[3]	Reimbursement of (POV Storage) ^[4]
Married	BAH w/dpn ^[1]	YES ^[1]	YES	YES	YES
Married to service member (w/out child dependent)	Partial	NO	YES	YES	YES
Married to service member (w/ child dependent)	NO ^[2]	NO ^[2]	YES	YES	YES
Single w/ child support	BAH-diff only	NO	YES	NO	YES
Single w/out dependents	Partial	NO	YES	NO	YES

Notes:

^[1] BAH and COLA is based on dependents location unless otherwise designated by CG-1222. Housing Allowance Protection Worksheet (CG-PSC-2025A) must be submitted to CG-1222 for determination and approval. All OCONUS M-2-M w/minors should claim minors to be entitled to BAH-W or for spouse to receive BAH-Death (in case of fatality).

^[2] Member may be entitled to BAH w/ dpn and Conus COLA at dependents location if they are claiming child on BAH/Dependency Data form vice spouse claiming. BAH Protection Worksheet required.

^[3] FSA - All eligible members receive FSA-R, no one receives FSA-S.

^[4] POV Storage - Member may store vehicle via government sponsored SDDC Global POV storage program or self-procure storage and submit claim for reimbursement. Member will be reimbursed up to government cost.

PAY AND ENTITLEMENTS REGARDLESS OF DEPENDENCY STATUS

Member Status	Level-3 Career Sea Pay/ Time (CSEAPAY) ^[5]	(BAS) ^[6]	Per Diem (IE Portion)	Responsibility Pay (\$50/ Month)	HDIP Vessel Boarding Search & Seizure (HDIP-VBSS) ^[7]	Imminent Danger Pay (\$225/month) ^[8]	Combat Zone Tax Relief (CZTR) ^[9]	Combat SGLI ^[10]	Savings Deposit Program Participation ^[11]	IRA and Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) ^[12]	Rest and Recuperation (R&R) Leave Transportation ^[13]
Cutter Crew	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Augmented Crew	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
CO	YES	YES	NO	YES ^[14]	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

Notes:

^[5] CSEAPAY - Member receives continuous sea pay unless member exceeds 30 days ashore, IAW Section 4-B of USCG Pay Manual. Career Sea time runs continuously with CSP; when CSP suspended, career sea time counter goes into neutral until CSP is re-started. CSP-PREM is payable if current career sea time counter exceeds 36 months.

^[6] Enlisted members will have Daily Discount Meal Rate deducted from BAS; PAYGO rules apply to officers.

^[7] HDIP-VBSS - designated boarding teams only - Commanding Officers will authorize via written correspondence and verify requirements of ALCOAST 353/04 are met.

^[8] IDP - Areas defined by SECDEF.

^[9] CZTR areas designated by the President or Congress. Applies to all taxable income (up to the highest enlisted pay grade (E-10) plus imminent danger pay), including any bonuses earned while member is in the area (SRBs & Career Status Bonus (CSB) and the Basic Pay for all leave earned in the CZTR area. Federal & State Income Taxes not withheld, however, FICA tax is withheld. Although most states follow Federal rules concerning CZTR, some do not & will still require payment of state income taxes even though SITW not applied to military pay in CZTR areas. See Section 8-A of USCG Pay Manual for details.

^[10] Government sponsors first \$150K of SGLI, plus Traumatic SGLI (TSGLI).

^[11] SDP - Members may make an allotment or directly deposit up to \$10K with 10% annual interest guaranteed on average quarterly balance. Cannot exceed unallotted pay earned in theatre. May not use advance pay for SDP deposit. See Section 6-F of USCG Pay Manual.

^[12] Members may make contributions to IRA and TSP (including special & incentive pays for TSP only), NTE Internal Revenue Code limits.

^[13] One R&R trip at government expense per 12 month tour.

^[14] Augment crew CO only receives Resp Pay during periods actually in command afloat. At no time will RSPLTY PAY be paid concurrently to more than one officer assigned to the same vessel. Acting CO for less than 30 days is not entitled to RSPLTY PAY.

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MEMORANDUM

From: *Kenneth T. Venuto*
Kenneth T. Venuto, RADM
CG-1

Reply to: CAPT M. C. Cosenza
Attn of: 202-267-0914

To: CG-8

Subj: PATROL FORCES SOUTHWEST ASIA (PATFORSWA) CUTTERS DESIGNATION
AS MOBILE UNITS

1. Commander, Atlantic Area presented several concerns regarding pay and entitlement inequities between the PATFORSWA shore side personnel and those Coast Guard members assigned to PATFORSWA cutters. Designating all of PATFORSWA as a mobile unit was proposed as a potential solution. However, this proposal creates a service-wide inequity by providing sea time to the PATFORSWA shore-side personnel. In coordination with LANTAREA and your staff, I have resolved this issue by designating just the PATFORSWA cutters alone as mobile units. This designation for the cutters will remedy the most significant issues of LANTAREA's concern.

2. The key entitlement differences are a result of the cutters being homeported in CONUS when in reality, they are actually located overseas. The proposed solution establishes new sub-OPFACs for each cutter and the augment crew as a subunit of PATFORSWA, and designates them as mobile units. By then assigning the WPB crews to those sub-OPFACs, they would become eligible for OCONUS entitlements, including COLA, and would gain the ability to have vehicles stored at government expense and receive credit of an overseas tour. Under this arrangement, each member would require TAD orders to a cutter in order to properly credit and track career sea pay. This designation will also provide the same entitlement to BAH for members with dependents assigned to the cutter forces as well as those assigned ashore.

3. In an effort to provide uniform entitlements to members who will be arriving in Bahrain this transfer season and to address the inequities as soon as possible, I request expedited establishment of the sub-OPFACS before the incoming personnel report this summer.

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Enclosure (1)