Accrual Travel Payments:

For TDY of more than 45 days, you must setup Scheduled Partial Payments (SPPs) through your Defense Travel System (DTS) authorization. These partial pays will occur every 30 days. The initial payment should be used by members to pay off their GTC balances.

Unit DTS Approving Officials and ODTAs will assist members with scheduling SPPs before departing for TDY.

DTS authorizations <u>MUST</u> be completed prior to departure.

Thrift Savings Plan (TSP)

All contributions will be made via payroll deduction. Members may contribute an unlimited percent of their basic pay not to exceed the IRS established cap.

Members may also choose to contribute up to 100 percent of special and incentive pays and bonus. Members must be contributing from basic pay in order to contribute from any other pays/bonuses

Power of Attorney (POA):

Finance will only accept "SPECIAL POA's" for release of pay information and allotment changes <u>only</u>. All other POA's will <u>not</u> be accepted.

MyPay:

Ensure your MyPay pin is working <u>prior</u> to your departure; <u>https://mypay.dfas.mil</u>.

Hostile Fire Pay (HFP)/Imminent Danger Pay (IDP) & Combat Zone Tax Exclusion (CZTE):

Entitlements begin once you have entered the AOR. IDP, not to be confused with HFP, is paid on a daily rate of \$7.50 versus the flat monthly rate of \$225. Performing duty in an authorized HFP/IDP location entitles a member to the additional funds. If a member is subject to live hostile fire (or mine explosion), the member is then entitled to HFP for the entire month regardless of the date this occurred. All locations can be confirmed via the DoD FMR Vol 7a, Chpt 10, Figure 10-1. IDP Areas

Family Separation Allowance: (monthly rate):

\$250.00

This entitlement is paid to any member who is claiming dependents and away from them for 31 days or more. This includes mil to mil couples who are separated from each other; however, <u>only</u> one member can claim it at a time. To claim this entitlement, turn in a DD Form 1561 prior to your departure or upon return when the travel voucher is filed. It is payable at a daily rate of \$8.33.

Hardship Duty Pay-Location (monthly rate):

\$50, 100, 150 depending on deployed location

This entitlement is based on the actual number of days you serve at your TDY location. You are required to serve at least 30 days at your deployed location in order to receive this entitlement. All approved locations can be found in DoD FMR Vol 7a, Chpt 17, Figure 17-1. Hardship Duty Location Pay Areas.

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Deployment Entitlements



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<u>Hostile Fire/Imminent Danger Pay (monthly</u> <u>rate):</u>

\$225.00, \$7.50 per day

The approval of this entitlement is based on any time served in a hostile fire location

Combat Zone Tax Exclusion:

Entitlement stops federal and state taxes being deducted from your pay. Your FICA (Medicare and Social Security) taxes will continue to be deducted from your pay. All approved locations can be found in DoD FMR Vol 7a, Chpt 44, Figure 44-2. Designated CZ Areas.

United States Saving Deposit (USSDP)

Members serving in authorized deployed location may deposit un allotted basic pay and allowances up to 10,000. It will accrual interest up to a 10% annual rate. You may begin depositing income on the 31st day at the deployed area. Interest will continue to accumulate up to 90 days after your redeployment. Any member that serves in a combat zone or while qualified to receive hostile fire/imminent danger pay is entitled to USSDP. All zones can be identified in chapter 44 of the DoD FMR Vol 7a.

MyPay

Be sure to have your MyPay pin just in case your deployed location isn't CAC accessible.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

- 1. What is the best way to claim Family Separation Allowance (FSA)?
- A. FSA can be claimed by submitting the DD Form 1561 to your local Finance Office at 31 day mark, even if deployed. You can also claim FSA as a "lump sum" entitlement upon return from deployment. This is typically considered the wisest strategy as it largely prevents potential overpayment of the entitlement if it is not stopped in a timely manner upon return from deployment. FSA is not a taxable entitlement, so not having it available during deployment does not impact filing income taxes.
- 2. How do I start my deployed entitlements (HDP, IDP/HFP, tax free)?
- A. All deployed entitlements are started by the deployed Finance Office. If deployed entitlements do not begin as advertised and no downrange support exists, home station Finance can begin the entitlements as well.
- 3. How do I submit for USSDP funds when my deployment is over?
- A. When your deployment has concluded, USSDP dividends can be claimed by submitting a request through MyPay to retrieve the interest earned. Additionally, simply waiting for 120 days will see the funds automatically deposited into your main bank account as well. If, for some reason, these two options do not work, contact your local Finance to submit a Case Management System ticket on your behalf to retrieve the funds. Warning: Pulling funds via MyPay earlier than 90 days after deployment could potentially negate extra quarter of interest earned.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

- 4. Will a Power of Attorney allow my spouse to make any changes to my pay on my behalf while deployed?
- A. A POA will only allow your spouse to make pay inquiries or change allotments. Finance will not allow processing of BAH, deployed entitlements, bank account information, or any other major pay affecting transaction for a member. Please plan accordingly and know that digital support for items like that can be coordinated between Finance and the deployed member.
- 5. How do I complete my DTS partials setup?
- A. Members are required to set up partials via DTS authorizations before departing for deployment. Your unit's AOs and ODTAs should be the first contact step for getting partials setup, but if they are unavailable, Finance will certainly assist. Please ensure partials are done accordingly as GTC accounts can easily go delinquent for deployed members. NOTE: Any changes made to authorizations after they have been approved require all signatures to be reaccomplished in order for partial pays to flow. This includes member's signature.