

## **Disabled Vets Space “A”**

When President Trump signed into law the new National Defense Authorization Act, disabled veterans were granted a huge travel perk that has virtually gone unnoticed. Not only will the new perk save veterans thousands of dollars, but it will increase morale, esprit de corps, and open the door for many veterans to connect with the military again in ways they can only image. One veteran said, “I’m shocked! I can’t believe the military has opened this door to us.” Under the new Disabled Veterans Access to Space-A Travel Act, veterans with a service-connected, permanent disability rating of 100% can hop on any scheduled or unscheduled military flight within the continental United States (and scheduled overseas flights) operated by Air Mobility Command (AMC).

The new Act would authorize veterans who have a service-connected, and permanent disability rated as 100 percent to travel on Space-A at no additional cost to the Department of Defense (DoD) and without aircraft modifications, according to military officials. Clarification on whether or not required caregiver accompaniment is authorized has not yet been promulgated. This is a huge benefit to disabled veterans who travel on aircraft. Many veterans find airports unaccommodating, and difficult to get around. Flying from military terminals are much less congested, and will probably be more suitable for disabled veterans.

To sign up for Space A Travel complete AMC Form 140, Space Available Travel Request (<https://www.amc.af.mil/Portals/12/documents/AFD-140926-014.pdf>)

form and e-mail it to your desired AMC Passenger Terminal. Info you need to complete the form includes:

- Email address
- Personal information (Rank/Grade, First Middle Last Name) • Service Branch (AF, Army, Marines, Navy, CG)
- Status (Active, Guard, Reserve, Retired, Disabled Veteran, etc.)
- Other Travelers (dependents names)
- Total number of seats required
  - Travel status (See Travel Eligibility-Category I-VI). The form has not yet been modified to reflect 100% disability eligibility. In the interim suggest use Category VI until otherwise advised.
- Overseas Travel Ready Status (Have Required Passports/Visas etc.)
- 5-Destinations (Sign-up for up to 5 Destinations e.g. Germany, USA, Japan, Alaska, or Hawaii)

Note: Do Not Provide Personally Identifiable Information (PII) such as Social Security Numbers (SSNs)