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From: Head, Military Pay and Compensation Policy Branch (OPNAV N130)

Subj: Revised Travel and Transportation Policy - Dependent Designated Place of Residency Approval Authority

Ref: (a) Joint Federal Travel Regulations, Volume 1

1. Dependent Designated Place of Residency approvals are authorized by law to allow service members to designate an alternate place of residency for their dependents while assigned to unaccompanied and Unusually Arduous Sea Duty (UASD) billets. Official regulations outlining Designated Place move policy can be found in JFTR U5222.

2. OPNAV N130 is currently the approval authority for all Designated Place requests. Per reference (a), there is no requirement for N130 to act as the approval authority for Designated Place letters within CONUS. A recent review has determined that the value of N130 approval of these packages is outweighed by the administrative burden placed on commands and OPNAV staff, resulting in delayed approval letters for Sailors. Therefore, the authority to approve Dependent Designated Place of Residency moves within CONUS, in accordance with the JFTR, resides with Commanding Officers.

3. In order to be eligible for a Dependent Designated Place move, the member must be assigned to:

(a) Unusually Arduous Sea Duty (eligible commands can be found in OPNAVINST 4650.17), or
(b) An unaccompanied tour OCONUS (CONUS = continental 48 states, OCONUS = outside of continental 48 states).

OPNAV N130 still remains the approving authority for ALL Designated Place requests to OCONUS non-foreign and foreign locations. Note: OCONUS foreign location requests will only be approved if the member's spouse was born in the requested location. Approval of non-foreign OCONUS designated place locations (i.e. HI, AK, PR, VI, GU, Samoa) will only be approved for locations to which family ties (such as a HOR, PLEAD, or home ownership) exist.

4. Point of contact in this matter is LT Grant Schweikert, N130C4 at (703) 614-5635 or email grant.schweikert@navy.mil.

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