



REEMPLOYED ANNUITANT CADRE NEWSLETTER

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Flat Rate Per Diem Reimbursement:

On 1 November 2014, the Joint Travel Regulation (JTR) changed the policy for long term TDY assignments to a single location. This change established a flat rate per diem allowance of 75% of the locality per diem rate for TDY to a single location for periods over 30 days but not exceeding 180 days.

This change affects travel orders issued on or after 1 November 2014 authorizing TDY to a single location for more than 30 days or amendments to travel orders that are issued on or after 1 November 2014 extending TDY to a single location for more than 30 days.

Below is additional information concerning the Flat Rate Per Diem Reimbursement:

- Vouchers are reimbursed at the flat rate and rounded up to the nearest dollar amount.
- Travelers will be paid the flat rate regardless of whether the actual lodging cost is less than the rate.
- If the local rate changes during the TDY period, the flat rate will be adjusted to reflect that change. However, a supervisor can authorize actual expense for lodging not to exceed the locality rate if the new amount does not cover the cost of lodging. Travelers will still be reimbursed 75% for M&IE.
- If a traveler goes TDY to an alternate site during the long term assignment, dual lodging will be paid based on the locality rate for that area - not the flat rate.
- If the flat rate does not cover the full tax amount, it can be claimed in the itinerary and paid as a reimbursable expense.
- If a traveler has an Authorized Return (R&R), retained lodging can be reimbursed as a miscellaneous expense not to exceed the flat rate.
- If a traveler returns home for personal reasons (not authorized R&R), he/she will be reimbursed the cheaper of the cost between transportation cost to return home or the cost had he/she stayed at the TDY location.

My Pay

MyPay is a fully automated system that allows you review your current information, to make discretionary changes to your payroll items such as your tax exemptions, begin, increase, decrease or cancel payroll allotments, download your W2 or view or cancel paper copies of your Leave and Earning statements and W2s. You can access MyPay nearly 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to review or make changes.

MyPay is reliable - myPay has the same procedural checks for accuracy as our paper forms.

Annuitants who are currently working can verify the change to your account by accessing MyPay three to seven business days after you make the change. You will also receive a pay statement in the mail each time you make a change to your account.

Annuitants who are not currently working should make all payroll changes such as tax exemptions, allotments etc through www.OPM.gov.

If you make a change to your allotments or federal tax withholding amount, you will receive a Retiree Account Statement (RAS) in the mail reflecting the change in your net pay unless you have elected to receive your RAS electronically.

MyPay is available at <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>. You can log on using a government computer or your personal computer. The first time you access MyPay you will still need to enter your Social Security Number (SSN) or Login ID and PIN. You will be prompted to create a Login ID (if you are using your SSN) and a Password. The Login ID and Password will be entered on the home page. You may use an On-Screen Keyboard for additional security.

So the next time you want to make any payroll changes, try doing it on-line at MyPay, <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>.

HI-USACE

HI-USACE is an employee accountability system to account for 100% of employees, as soon as possible, after a large-scale emergency, disaster, or Command ordered evacuation. USACE has established a toll-free phone number and email for personnel to report their status. If you are in an area affected by a disaster or large-scale emergency, you should report your status by calling 1-877-HI-USACE (1-877-448-7223) or by emailing 877.hi.usace@usace.army.mil.

Additionally, since the Reemployed Annuitant Office is responsible for accounting for all reemployed annuitants who may be residing in affected areas, whenever you move or have a change of address, you should notify our office immediately.

USACE Reemployed Annuitants doing great work

Below are some pictures of our reemployed annuitants providing invaluable services to USACE, the Department of the Army and our Country.



Jonathan Kobler being recognized after giving a Power Point presentation to the Buffalo District.

Below are pictures of RA Terry Vance assisting Portland and Walla Walla Offices of Dive & ROV Operations and Safety. Rick Benoit, PM for the USACE First Response Dive and Survey Team says that Terry's services are invaluable to the team's success.



Terry Vance foreground, left to right, Thom Stan NWW, Steve England NAP, Rick Benoit NWP



Terry Vance assisting diver Rick Benoit

Below are pictures shared by Thomas Oksness, who worked on report work after Hurricane Sandy, of sunrise is at Shoal Harbor and Compton Creek project as well as the riprap being placed on the dike.



Thank you for all you do.

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