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To our newest members of the US ARMY NATO Brigade

We would like to extend a warm welcome to you and your family. We are excited to add you to the USANATO Brigade team.

Our mission is to conduct individual training, logistics, human resources, and service-specific support at 38 locations in 21 countries in order to provide ready & resilient Soldiers to NATO, maintain our joint and multinational partnerships, and enhance the Alliance. The inclusion of administrative control for the MPEP and SON personnel expands our current mission to support the security cooperation among allied nations to one additional country and 43 new locations. USANATO Brigade will conduct Routine Admin Support and UCMJ actions such awards, DD Forms 93, SGLV, leave and passes, SRB updates, MEDPROS updates, FVAP, and all other HR related actions through the G5 IOD section. Their mission is to ensure individual Soldier and Family Readiness through administrative, HR, logistics, operations, and communications support. They receive direct guidance from Brigade leadership.

You can find out more about us and our team at https://www.usanato.army.mil/About-Us/Leadership/. If you have additional questions, feel free to contact us at +49-(0) 611-143-549-5302

Although USANATO Brigade manages the support for the MPEP and SON population, the program is run from USAREUR-AF. The USAREUR-AF Program Manager exercises the responsibility of establishing and closing positions, coordinates agreements with DOS and partner nations units, accepts nominations for replacements, makes decisions on extensions and curtailments of tours, sets rating schemes, approves duty descriptions, and conducts program assessment.

For questions about the program please email USAREUR's PM at lee.s.fennema.civ@army.mil

Again, welcome to the Brigade and we look forward to supporting you and your operations with our partner nations.

Warm Regards

1. QUICK HISTORY OF THE UNIT AND MISSION

Office of Defense Cooperation (ODC) overview:

- Enhance long-term bilateral defense relationship between Spain and the U.S. via:
 - Security Assistance programs
 - Defense Cooperation in Armaments
 - Bilateral Exercises and Personnel Exchange Programs
- Implement the 1988 U.S.-Spain Agreement on Defense Cooperation (ADC), as revised by the Three Protocols of Amendment to the ADC, via the U.S.-Spain Permanent Committee. Key ADC mission areas include:
 - Basing and Access
 - Programs and Exercises
 - Aircraft/Personal Clearances
- Support U.S. national security policy objectives.
- Provide counsel to the Ambassador as integral member of the Embassy's country team.

2. PARTNER NATION UNIT'S POC

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3. MPEP/SON DUTY DESCRIPTION

Student at CESEDEN, course name ESFAS. Attends the staff officer course daily and completes required projects and evaluations in-person and online. Concurrently, investigate and defend master's thesis through University of Nebrija.

4. CASUALTY:

Provide the staff duty number to your supervisor to contact us if you were to be seriously injured, hospitalized, or become a fatal casualty.

5. IN-PROCESSING

USANATO Brigade will help you in-process. Most of the in-processing actions will be done virtually. DO NOT go on TDY for in-processing without the explicit approval of the USANATO Brigade regardless of what your PCS orders state. For information on in-processing action contact the USANATO Brigade G5 at usarmy.sembach.hq-usanato-bde.list.mpep-sons@army.mil.

Send your travel plans to G5 IOD USANATO Brigade POCs. You will report directly to your Partner Nation duty station. Once you arrive at your Partner Nation unit, you will contact the G5 IOD USANATO Brigade. We will send a memo to your resourcing unit asking them to arrive you in the system. We do not have access to arrive you.

6. FINANCE:

Travel reimbursement takes longer than usual for MPEP and SONs. In some cases it can take from 60 to 90 days. Make sure your GTCC is put in VIP status by your current S8 and that your limit is increased to at least \$10,000. Ensure to stop your BAH/OHA before departing your current unit to avoid incurring a debt for overpayment. Three (3) months advanced pay is highly recommended, to be paid by the losing finance office IAW DOD Pay Manual, Table 4-1-1, Rule 7.

7. GARRISON SUPPORT

The ODC Spain Sponsor Program is designed to assist you prior to and after your arrival in Spain. You should exchange e-mails with your sponsor to request information not provided in this package. Do not hesitate to request additional information or assistance; make known your requirements for temporary housing. You will be billeted in a hotel close to ODC (see paragraph 17, TLA/TQSA). Your sponsor is the liaison between you and the ODC.

The ODC considers SON attendees Supported/Attached positions (Not Diplomatic).

8. MEDICAL/DENTAL

You are required to complete all PHA and dental requirements 30 days prior to arriving to the unit.

During your MPEP/SON tour, dental care will be obtained at the local economy through. Family members will receive dental care through enrollment in the TRICARE Overseas Dental Program managed by United Concordia.

For Medical care you will enroll in TRICARE Overseas Program Prime Remote which provides health care through International SOS.

Website: http://www.tricare.mil/PLANS/HealthPlans/TPRO.aspx

Phone number: +44-20-8762-8384

Soldiers and family members will be referred to local health care providers by International SOS. International SOS maintains a list of local hospitals, clinics, and providers who speak English. However, once you arrive at your scheduled appointment, it will not be guaranteed that you will be speaking to and English-speaking receptionist or nurse. ISOS can provide live translations during your appointment, via telephone, if coordinated prior to your visit.

When required PHA can be accomplished online and over the phone using the VIPRR clinic. Once you call ISOS and discuss the available options for care or by directly requesting VH thru ISOS, care can be arranged. For more information contact Virtual Health Care Coordinators (+49 (0)6371-9464-4600) for assistance.

In certain instances when specialty care is not found in the local community, ISOS will refer Soldiers and Family Members to the most appropriate Military Treatment Facility where the needed specialty care can best be provided; which, may be Landstuhl Military Medical Center but not in all cases.

9. EFMP:

Health care for exceptional family members is difficult to obtain, and potentially unavailable or substandard. EFMP issues can result in the service member being required to perform an unaccompanied tour and/or termination of the assignment.

10.SCHOOLS:

The Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) does not operate a school in Madrid, but there are several schools approved for DOD dependents to attend. Dependent education in managed by the Non-DoD Schools Program (NDSP) and approval must be received from NSDP prior to registering your children with a school. Majority of children attend the American School of Madrid (ASM) but there are several other schools approved by NDSP. NDSP will coordinate the payment of tuition, bus transportation and some other education related expenses. For ODC personnel that are in a Security Assistance funded position, payment will be made by the ODC budget analyst vice by NDSP. A list of approved schools and procedures for requesting approval can be found at: http://www.dodea.edu/nonDoD/

The American School of Madrid (ASM) (Tel: +34-91-740-1900), Head of Admissions Ms. Sholeh Farpour, SholehFarpour@asmadrid.org and International College Spain (ICS) (Tel: 34-91-650-2398) offer grades 1-12 and both are attended by U.S. dependents. Both are private schools certified by NDSP and provide a U.S.-type curriculum, taught in English for all grades through high school. Tuition is paid by the U.S. government for authorized dependents grade 1-12.

Also, SEK School is a bilingual school that has been frequently used by many of our past and present members. There are several SEK Schools located in different areas of Madrid, SEK el Castillo in Villafranca, SEK Ciudadcampo in S.S. de los Reyes, and SEK Santa Isabel in the center of Madrid. http://www.sek.es/index.php?section=colegios/el-castillo/presentacion.

These schools provide bus transportation to and from homes located within the commuting area, up to one hour from the school. Parents living outside the one hour limit will have to arrange transportation to the school or a designated pick-up point.

There are also many Spanish-language private schools in Madrid, as well as French, British and other foreign schools. Although tuition at these schools is often high, it may come within DoDDs limits or be at least partially reimbursable. It is also possible to work through NDSP to design a home schooling program.

If service member has school-aged children, he/she must inform the USAREUR MPEP Coordinator in order to receive guidance concerning dependent schooling options and registration instructions. Prior to arrival, service members with dependent school-aged children must register with DoDEA@NDSP.Admin.Europe@hq.dodea.edu and obtain pre-authorization before seeking schools for their children. Service members will be financially liable for any school fees, tuitions, and other costs not authorized by DoDEA.or call CIV 571-372-5863/1897 DSN 312-372-5863/1897.

11. HOUSING:

ODC Diplomatic and other Attached personnel are not included in the Embassy Housing Pool. All ODC military and civilian members assigned to Madrid or other locations in Spain will have to use other means to search for housing on the local economy. Although Madrid - and by extension any other area in Spain – is an excellent post, the type of housing support/service you would find on a military base is not available. Your sponsor will play a very important role in this matter, assisting you in searching for and obtaining suitable rental housing for you and your family. It is recommended to use a rental agent to help you find a house. Rental agencies in Spain charge a fee

to both the renter as well as the owner, typically the equivalent of one month's rent. Uniform military personnel are reimbursed for this expense under your Move-In Housing Allowance (MIHA) (*see important note for Civilian employees). In addition, there are several web sites which you can refer to in searching for a house or in finding an agent. ODC Spain has a list of U.S rental agents (please, see below) used by previous service members in the past. This information does not constitute an ODC endorsement. We also include several Spanish web sites where you can find rental property.

Service members will only be paid Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) and Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) based on the duty location with locality code specified in this order. Duty locations not listed will be paid at the "Other Rate" locality code specified in the Defense Travel Management Office (DTMO). For more information regarding entitlements, visit: http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/index.cfm.

12. PASSPORTS/VISA:

Family members traveling overseas are required to have passports. "No-fee passports" can be obtained at Government expense. The application process may take 4 to 6 weeks, so, you should begin the passport application process as soon as you receive your travel orders.

You must obtain a No-fee official (red) passport. Your dependents require a "No-Fee" (blue) passport. VISAs are not required for entry into Germany.

- 1. No-fee official (red) passport. Application for "No-fee" Passport, DD Form 1056, will include the following information for official passport: BLOCK 11: United Kingdom; BLOCK 12, MPEP participant; BLOCK 17: Traveler is a MPEP in PCS status and the traveler will visit: Afghanistan, Brunei, Cyprus, Egypt, Iraq, Malawi, Malaysia, Morocco and Kenya during their tour of duty. Traveler requires a no-fee (red) passport.
- 2. Dependents "No-Fee" (blue) passport. The application will include the following information: BLOCK 11: United Kingdom; BLOCK 12: MPEP participant; Block 17; Visa not required.
- 3. It is the Service member's responsibility to process the passport at his/her current duty station prior to PCS. DO NOT PCS to the United Kingdom without a US no-fee passport. Service members will comply with requirements for the country as set forth in the DoD Foreign Clearance Guide (FCG). AR 1-40 and 630-5 implement the FCG and furnish supplemental U.S. Army requirements. Check the passport and visa website to obtain updated information for passport and/or visa requirements: www.fcg.pentagon.mil/fcg.cfm.

Tourist passports are needed for personal travel in Europe. You may apply for tourist passports on arrival, but for convenience it is recommended that you apply for the tourist passport while you're still residing in the United States. You can find more information on tourist passports from your local personnel services detachment, passport office nearest you, or from the U.S. State Departments official website at http://travel.state.gov.

13. POSTAL SERVICES

ODC personnel (Diplomatic and Supported/Attached personnel in Madrid under the Chief of Mission (CoM) will have DPO mail box assigned to them 3 months prior their arrival on station. We will need a copy of the member's PCS orders to submit the request. ODC Diplomatic and Supported/Attached personnel, with the exception of the Students, will pick up their mail at the ODC. Students are allowed to pick up their mail at the Embassy due to the proximity between CESEDEN and the Embassy. ODC Diplomatic and Supported/Attached personnel (except Students) will get a 7000 series P.O Box. Students will get a 4000 series P.O. Box.

The ODC official mail address is indicated below; however due U.S Postal Service requirements every patron must have an individual box number, and the below address is not to be used as a personal

address.

ODC SPAIN UNIT 8500, BOX 7000 DPO AE 09642-7000

Make sure your correspondence reflects your correct name! Let your sponsor know if you'll be receiving mail for other family members with a different last name.

14. BANKING

The monetary unit of Spain is the Euro. There are no U.S. banking facilities in Spain, except for some services at Naval Station Rota. The Embassy has an agreement with Sabadell Bank allowing use of their services without carrying a significant balance and for quicker processing/cashing of dollar-denominated instruments. Establishing an account will be one of the first items accomplished upon arrival in Spain. You must have this account to be able to arrange the rental contract and other contracts for all the utilities.

It is possible to establish with DFAS an International direct deposit to your Spanish bank account. Refer to your assigned personnel support office for the necessary paperwork. This is not recommended for personnel only assigned to Spain for one year because the set-up process can take several months.

To close your account when you PCS, you will need to provide the bank a routing number, an account number, a date when you would like the account to be closed and the order to transfer the money left to your U.S. account. It is important that you make sure the account is closed otherwise the bank will still be charging inactivity fees.

It is not necessary to bring large quantities of cash with you to Spain. Check cashing at Sabadell is easy, and most U.S. bank cards work with no problem in most Spanish cash machines (ATMs). Cash machines are numerous on any street; three machines are in the Spanish Air Force HQ.

15. VEHICLES REGISTRATION

Supported/Attached Personnel are allowed to ship 1 vehicle at government expense. Vehicle must be shipped to Rota Naval Station.

During your stay in Spain you can purchase and register one additional vehicle free of IVA, but this vehicle must meet European technical specifications and must be purchased in Spain.

If you plan to ship a vehicle to Spain, talk to your sponsor about the type and size of vehicle you are planning to bring. Generally, Spain's roads and major highways are suitable for any type of vehicle. However, many of the smaller towns have older and very narrow streets. Additionally, even in Madrid parking often presents unique problems for larger vehicles. We have found that most sedans, minivans, or small trucks have only occasional problems.

Replacement parts for U.S. cars are limited. Special orders can be placed through the NEX at Rota, but parts may take up to 60 days to arrive. Alternatively, catalog or on-line orders can be placed through companies such as J.C. Whitney. Upon arrival, each individual intending to drive a motor vehicle in Spain will be required to obtain a Spanish driver's license. This can be coordinated through the ODC administration section.

16. DRIVER'S LICENSE

All personnel are required to get a Spanish driver's license to drive your POV, ODC vehicle or rental vehicle in Spain. Your US license is not valid for personnel assigned in Spain for official

duty. A USG is also required to drive ODC official vehicles and this will be requested after your arrival.

Diplomatic and Diplomatic Technical Admin Personnel DO NOT need to pass a test to obtain their Spanish driving license, only a medical exam for eyes, ears and coordination. This exam cost approximately 30 euros per person.

Supported/Attached Personnel and their family members MUST pass a test at Rota Naval Station in order to get the Spanish Driving License. This requirement is not enforced by the Spanish authorities but by the Rota U.S. Commander. ODC will provide the material for you to study.

17. VEHICLE PROCESSING CENTER - VPC:

When traveling by privately owned vehicle, you should have euros reserved to cover a possible accident or breakdown. All members of the U.S. mission in Spain who own private vehicles are required to have full automobile liability insurance against personal injury and property damage. Drive defensively! You should always slow down when driving near or through villages and small towns, especially during hours of darkness or when heavy fog prevails.

Diplomatic personnel should always exit and enter Spain using their Diplomatic passport and accreditation card. However, when traveling to other countries on vacation, it is required that use your tourist passport. Your diplomatic passport should only be used outside of Spain in travel on official duty.

18. TRANSPORTATION

Contact your local Traffic Management Office (TMO) immediately upon receipt of PCS orders. Your shipment should be addressed to:

Commander USNAVSTA Rota/SUMH PSC 819, Box 8 FPO AE 09645-1600

Your TMO can verify this address.

Customs clearance procedures are not fast. After household goods arrive at the Spanish port, you should receive them in Madrid within 10-12 days. The Spanish Government's Bureau of Customs has the right to inspect, at its discretion, shipments of household goods and baggage arriving in Spain.

If for any reason, you are ready to move into your house and your HHG have not arrived, there is the possibility to request loaner furniture from Rota, via the NATO National Support Element in Madrid or rent furniture for a short-term period at a reasonable price (\$200) per week. The basic short-term package contains: a couch, an armchair, a rug, a coffee table, a dining set for 4 persons, 3 beds, a desk, a chair, a microwave, etc., also linens are available if you need them. The company's name is Home Essentials, and the web page is www.homessentials.net. This expense is covered under your MIHA (Note: ESEP personnel do not receive MIHA). Please, check the link http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/perdiemCalc.cfm to find out the amount of MIHA you'll get.

19.IT SUPPORT

Government Computers are not always available and are not normally required to conduct day-to-day work activities. Theh Partner nation that you are assigned will issue you a work Computer. The USANATO Brigade G5 in coordination with the G6 will process NIPR account requests and issue (as availability allows) NIPR computers. In some cases, you may get a special CAC reader that allows you to use your personal tablet or phone to read encrypted emails. VPN access can also be requested if needed.

20.TDY

MPEP/SON program funding only DIRECTLY supports requirements to enable the exchange program. This is a centralized Army funding for program management of worldwide exchanges and Schools of Other Nations program. In general – mandatory admin requirements, medical TDY, program management, MPEP conference, etc.

What is not funded by HQDA is the following (exceptions may apply on case-by-case basis):

TDY trips for conference, training, exercises, site visits, and other travel conducted for the benefit of the partner nation is not funded by the MPEP program and should be covered by the partner nation.

DA PHOTOS:

MILPER MSG 20-209 announces the elimination of Department of Army (DA) Photos, and race, ethnicity and gender identification data for officer, warrant officer, and enlisted DA Centralized Selection Boards and DA 640-30 states: Soldiers assigned to areas where photographic facilities are not available or conditions prevent them from being photographed are temporarily exempt from the requirements of this paragraph. These Soldiers will be photographed within 90 days after reassignment to an area where photographic facilities are available.

MITIGATION STRATEGY: During U'Rs next MPEP conference schedule your DA Photo in advance; take advantage of TDY and Leave periods near a DA Photo Lab.

MEDICAL READINESS - AR-40-502 Ch 4-17 b.

b. Soldiers in isolated areas. The commander concerned for those Soldiers stationed in isolated areas may delay PHAs; for example, Army attachés, military missions, and military assistance advisory groups, where medical facilities are not available.

MITIGATION STRATEGY: Delayed PHAs will be accomplished at the earliest opportunity in conjunction Conferences, with leave, temporary duty, or when the individual concerned is assigned or attached to a military installation with a medical facility. Medical examination of such individuals for retirement purposes may not be delayed AND medical TDY is allow.

WEAPONS EXEMPTION - AR 350-1 para F-7 (7) (d):

Exemptions from weapons qualifications are as follows: Individuals in duty positions not assigned individual weapons.

MITIGATION STRATEGY: None needed.

SENIOR RATER VISITS: This will not justify TDY funding.

MITIGATION STRATEGY: During the upcoming Conferences you will be able to meet your Senior Rater depending on their availability. In the meantime, the use of 365 TEAMS is encouraged where possible.

21. CLEARANCE

The NATO Secret, SF86 renewals, and other clearances are process by USANATO Bde G2. If fingerprints are required and embassy does not provide this service, the Service member may have to travel on TDY.

22.LEAVE REQUESTS:

You will need the certificates below IOT request leave. Recommend you complete these training before departing current PDS. You may not have the connectivity needed once you arrive to new PDS.

AT level Certificate SERE Certificate

STEP (proof of enrollment)

Information about STEP:

Even if SMs are going back to CONUS, they must enroll in STEP for the country that they are assigned to. This allows for them to receive current events/updates (i.e. Do Not travel update / COVID information / demonstration / places to avoid, etc.) from the US embassy of that particular country while they are in the USA.

https://step.state.gov/STEP/Index.aspx

Information about SERE:

Got to course catalog: Course Number: A-US1329 SERE 100.2 Level A SERE Education and Training in Support of the Code of Conduct https://jkodirect.jten.mil/Atlas2/page/desktop/DesktopHome.jsf

23.WHICH PATCH WILL I WEAR?

You will wear the patch of your resourcing unit. For example, if you are assigned to 82nd AD you will wear that patch. You are not allowed to wear a foreign patch.

24. WHO IS MY RATER AND SENIOR RATER?

Recommend that you contact the MPEP Program Manager in U'R G5. They manage the Rating Scheme. The PM is Mr. Lee S. Fennema and his emails address is lee.s.fennema.civ@army.mil

25. HOW DO I SELF-NOMINATE FOR MY JOINT EXPERIENCE CREDIT?

To self-nominate for a joint experience, submit your request through the MilConnect website at the following link: https://milconnect.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect/

Once you are fully logged in, you will click on the "Correspondence/Documentation" tab and then on the JQS (Joint Qualification System) link from the drop-down menu. After you submit your joint experience summary, you must go back in and attach the required supporting documents. All experiences require supporting documentation. We will not action your request until we receive the required documents. Be sure to put a valid email address that you check REGULARLY after submitting an experience. HRC will send you an email with the status of your packet and if it is missing any documentation. There is a limited amount of time for you to submit corrections, so do not delay and get your information together to give you the best chance for an approved experience.

When should I self-nominate for my joint experience credit? Is there a deadline? An officer performing a joint experience in a non-JDAL assignment must submit their joint experience via the self-nomination web site within 12 months (365 days) of completing that joint experience. Submissions received after this deadline are not eligible for consideration by the joint panel. You must be complete with your joint experience before submitting a request. Submissions while still serving in the experience are not authorized. Don't worry about adding JDAL billets.

26. CIVILIAN CLOTHING ALLOWANCE & REQUIRED MILITARY UNIFORMS:

IAW AR 700-84, Service members not directed to dress in civilian clothing more than half the time when performing duty are NOT eligible for civilian clothing allowance. Service member is to bring a set of Army Service Uniform (ASU), Army Combat Uniform (ACU), Mess Dress, and Army Physical Fitness Uniform(s) (APFU).

27. UCMJ

UCMJ authority falls under USANATO Brigade

28. THINGS I WISH I KNEW BEFORE ARRIVING:

Be familiar with and comply with provisions of AR 614-10, U.S. Army Personnel Exchange Program with Armies of Other Nations and the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the U.S. Army and the British Army.

I wish I had done the Anti-Terrorism Level 1, Cyber Awareness, CTIP and SERE prior to departing old PDS. The USANATO Brigade team requires these certificates but there was limited connectivity to .mil sites.

Conduct ACFT before departing old PDS. ACFT's are provided in Sembach, Germany once a year and you may not always be able to attend ACFT events due to competing priorities.

Must have a recent DA Photo uploaded on DAPMIS prior to departing losing command. There is no way to take photos at new PDS.

Several groups of both military and civilian personnel are assigned to Madrid. In addition to the ODC and the Embassy, the ODC supports three/four Exchange Students (all Services) at the Spanish equivalent of a Command and Staff College, one Air Force Exchange Engineer at INTA, one ESEP Analyst at C-IED COE, an Army Foreign Area Officer, one civilian from the Defense Energy Support Center, and two Air Traffic Liaison Controllers (also located in the ODC premises). Madrid is also home of the NATO CAOC 8, which include U.S. personnel. There is an eight-person military postal detachment at Barajas airport. In addition to those working for the government many other Americans live and work in Madrid. You may run across some of them, especially if you have children attending the American School of Madrid (see Para. 30).

Beyond Madrid, there are numerous of American military working throughout Spain also supported by the ODC. The two largest concentrations of U.S. military personnel are at NAVSTA Rota and Moron AB. Rota is a full-sized Naval Station with an AMC detachment. It is the only place in Spain to go for many military services, including a full NEX/Commissary and hospital. Moron AB has only small permanent U.S. contingent (less than one thousand), although during contingencies it may have many more TDY people.

In addition to these military members assigned to the south of Spain, a U.S. Language Instructor and a Pilot Instructor are assigned at the Spanish Air Force Academy at San Javier (Murcia), one Master Navy Diver at the "Escuela de Buceo" in Cartagena, one Navy Language Instructor at the Naval Academy at Marin (Pontevedra), and several Exchange Cadets for part of the year. One Engineer and one Physicist under the ESEP Program working at the Spanish Ministry of Defense, and the Counter Explosive Device Center of Excellence, respectively. A NATO Combined Air Operations Center (CAOC) is located outside of Madrid. The NATO Rapid Reaction Force is located in Valencia. There are three U.S. Exchange Pilots in Spain, two at Rota (Harrier and SH-60) and one at Zaragoza (C-130). Zaragoza is also home to the Spanish Army Academy, where there are another three exchange cadets for part of the year.