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Message to the Force #27

SUBJECT: Wear of Uniform on Commercial Conveyance while on Official Travel

1. Alaska National Guard Members in Title 32 or State Active Duty status shall travel in uniform only when authorized by the individual's component regulation.

a. For the Alaska Army National Guard, AR 670-1, paragraph 3-7(c) provides the following guidance: "personnel on official travel and traveling by commercial travel means may wear the service uniform, the ACU [OCP], or appropriate civilian attire, unless restricted by the commander." I am not restricting wear of the uniform, thus AKARNG members may wear the uniform, to include the ACU/OCP, under the circumstances outlined in AR 670-1. Personnel not on official status at the time of travel may not wear the uniform.

b. For the Alaska Air National Guard, AFI 36-2903, paragraph 1.3.1 states "when traveling in an official capacity on commercial air, in CONUS (to include Alaska and Hawaii) the Service Dress uniform (Class A), Blue uniform (Class B), or Airman Battle Uniform (ABU) may be worn, as appropriate." Wear of the flight duty uniform is not authorized." As is the case for our Army component, personnel not on official status at the time of travel may not wear the uniform.

c. All members of the Alaska National Guard will conform to the wear and appearance standards of the applicable component regulation while wearing the uniform.

2. The policy of the Alaska National Guard is that Alaska National Guard service members are prohibited from wearing the uniform while traveling in either Business or First Class. This policy applies to situations where the upgrade is paid for with non-government funds, awarded based on a frequent flyer program, or received as an "on-the-spot" or "no-cost to the government" upgrade at the discretion of the commercial conveyance. For the purposes of this policy, an "on-the-spot" upgrade is defined as a no-cost upgrade to Business or First Class accommodations that the airline offers at boarding without the request or initiation of the service member. If the service member is given an "on the spot" or "at no-cost to the government" upgrade while in uniform, the service member must decline the upgrade. An exception to this policy exists only if after declination of the upgrade, an airline representative - without a prompt or request from the service member - informs the service member that he or she must take the upgraded seat or be bumped from the flight. This exception to policy - accept or be

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involuntarily bumped from the flight - is the only instance an Alaska National Guard member may travel in first or business class while in uniform.

3. Further, no upgrade may be accepted if it is provided on the basis of the service member's grade or position unless the upgrade is an "on-the-spot" upgrade at no-cost to the government and the service member has not requested or otherwise initiated an upgrade. Upgrades may be accepted if paid for with non-government funds, if not given due to the service member's grade or position, or when using frequent flyer miles. In all circumstances other than the exception to policy discussed in paragraph 2, a service member traveling in the first or business class section must be in civilian clothing.

4. Paragraphs 2 and 3 of this policy are punitive. Violation of paragraphs 2 or 3 by Alaska National Guard service members may result in adverse administrative action and/or charges under the provisions of the ACMJ.

5. Point of contact for this memorandum is the Office of the Adjutant General at 907.428.6003.

Sincerely,

  
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