

**“Space-A-Travel Program”** petition has come to my attention by a military friend concerning this popular benefit. I personally think it is time to open the benefit to all Veterans 100% regardless of physical condition which should not be a discriminating factor. If that individual feels they can use the service without interruption to the mission of the flight, it’s time to right a wrong and allow all Veterans access to the program. Kindly consider signing the following petition, to date 638 signatures but need a lot more folks to sign. SMS Ray Ardis (ret) USAFR

The Space-Available Travel Program is a means by which members of United States Uniformed Services (US Military Service Members, Reservists, National Guard and Military Career Retirees, Convalescing service members, Metal of Honor winners and so on are eligible to travel on aircraft under the jurisdiction of the United States Department of Defense when excess capability allows. Meaning when all personnel TDY or PCS orders have been filled and space for transporting supplies & equipment are met. Any additional seats which would of remain empty can then be made available to anyone in the above uniform service members categories. This is a benefit that's been made possible to enhance the quality of life for the men and women who serve our country in the uniform services.

But, unfortunately for decades now, our Service Connected Disabled Veterans who have been rated 100% Permanent & Total, who served our country and were honorable discharge. Have been passed over and DENIED, the benefit of the Space A Flight Program and the use of these available seats while the category list of eligibility has grown to include DoD Civilian employees, Contractors, Boy Scout Leaders, USO Athletes & Entertainers, Jr & Reg ROTC cadets, teachers, foreign military, the media, non- profit organizations, and so on. The list is just endless of all those who have been extended this benefit over the years, which mind you, none have ever served in the U.S. armed services.

Please Help! It's time to right this wrong and amend DoD 4515.13-R to include a Category 7 eligibility for our P/T 100% Service Connected Disabled American Veterans, so they too can enjoy the benefit of the Space A Travel Program and help to enhance the quality of their life!

That's why I signed a petition to The United States House of Representatives, The United States Senate, and President Barack Obama, which says:

"President Obama, Congress & the Dept of Defense. Please Help! Its time to Right this Wrong and amend the Space A Travel Program to include an eligibility Category 7 listing our 100% PT Service Connected Disabled Veterans, their spouses and/or family members under the age 23 access to any DoD flights available seating that otherwise would of been left empty."

Will you sign the petition too? Click here to add your name: Thanks, Ray

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