

**DESTINATION KOREA LESSON PLAN
ACS RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

TASK: To provide standardized information to soldiers and family members PCS'ing to Korea.

CONDITIONS: In a classroom setting. Attendance is voluntary.

STANDARDS: Be able to:

1. Be knowledgeable of factors pertinent to living in Korea.
2. Move with as little stress as possible.

SCOPE: Provides information on making a successful transition to Korea.

PERFORMANCE TASKS: To inform participants about factors that will affect their ability to become accustomed to the culture change and living arrangements in a foreign country.

CONDITION: Given classroom briefing and handouts.

STANDARD: Effectively settle in to the new country with little stress.

ACADEMIC HOURS: 90 Minutes

TOTAL HOURS: 90 Minutes

PREREQUISITE LESSON(S): None.

CLEARANCE AND ACCESS: Unclassified.

REFERENCES: Various SITES and other publications.

INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS: Working knowledge of obstacles facing soldiers and families who are moving to Korea and solutions to those problems. Working knowledge of housing, medical, education, finance, and other issues relating to the move.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS: None.

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR THE INSTRUCTION: TV/VCR, Display of Information.

MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE INSTRUCTION: Handouts and video "PCS Korea."

CLASSROOM TRAINING AREA: Training classroom, Bldg 77 Binter Street.

INSTRUCTIONAL GUIDANCE: Utilize classroom briefing and handouts.

INSTRUCTION:

MOTIVATOR: NA.

TERMINAL LEARNING OBJECTIVE: At the completion of this class participants will be knowledgeable of transportation, housing, medical, educational, finance, and other issues that will affect their move and setting-in process.

PRESENTATION:

- I. WELCOME. Good afternoon. I am _____ with the Relocation Program at Army Community Service. Please look through the information packets you were given. (Cover calling card, checklist, map, time conversion, facts for families and general information on Korea for those who do not have a pinpoint assignment). I can provide a SITES booklet for you if you have a pinpoint assignment and have not yet received one.
- II. PRESENTATION.
 - a. Republic of Korea. Korea is a divided nation. Our soldiers go only to the Republic of Korea, sometimes called the ROK. This is an American slang term not appreciated by the Koreans. Korea has been formerly at war for over 40 years. Korea is about 525 miles long and 120 miles wide. Korea is about the size of Virginia. It is one of the most mountainous areas in the world. Korea has four distinct seasons with mildly cold and dry winters (around 45 degrees with little snow), 70 degree weather throughout the spring, and hot humid summers with a three week monsoon season in June or July. (Show video)
 - b. Command Sponsorship. If you are going on a two year tour rather than a one year tour you have probably been granted Command Sponsorship. This means the government is authorizing your family members to go with you, the government will accept responsibility for your family while you are there, and that benefits such as housing, education, etc will be available for them.. This is rare for a Korea assignment. Most assignments do not provide housing and other benefits for family members. Command Sponsorship requires a duty line number from the overseas MILPO. If Command Sponsorship is not granted, it is not recommended that the spouse accompany the soldier. There is no guarantee that the soldier won't be required to live in the barracks. There would be no entitlements for travel or shipment of household goods for the spouse. And there would be no rations allotment for the spouse. That means you would only be able to purchase enough for one person in the commissary and PX. Schools, medical facilities, etc. would be on a space

available basis only. Private schools are available for 7,000 to 15,000 dollars per year. Spouses would also be ineligible for appropriated fund employment. Anyone considering this should give it much thought before making the decision.

- c. Passports. Passports are required for the soldier and all family members. If command sponsored, the passports are obtained at building 1384. There is no cost. If non-command sponsored, the passports can be obtained at the Elizabethtown post office. There is a cost for that and it takes approximately 3 weeks.
- d. SOFA. SOFA means "Status of Forces Agreement". This will automatically be on all passports obtained at government expense. Non-command sponsored family members must get a SOFA stamp on their passport once they arrive in Korea. This is usually done at the Army Community Service office.
- e. Visa. Anyone with a return ticket from Korea under 15 days does not need a Visa. All others must apply for a Visa. If you are command sponsored the Visa can be obtained at the passport office on post at no cost. If you are not command sponsored you must contact the Korean Consulate in Chicago. The number is 312-822-9485. They will mail you the application and instructions. You pay to send it back express mail. It takes 2-3 days plus mail time. You must also send your passport with the application. It will be returned to you with your Visa. If you have a round trip ticket you must have the Visa with you at the airport or they will not let you board the plane. This is a policy of the airlines.
- f. Vaccinations. Vaccinations are not required for family members, however vaccinations against cholera and yellow fever are recommended. Check with Ireland Army Hospital or the local health department on Wilson Road. The phone number is 352-2526.
- g. Pets. There is a 10 day quarantine period upon arrival. All animals must have a current health certificate with rabies and distemper vaccinations. "Current" means at least 30 days old but not over 1 year old. Check with the on post veterinarian.
- h. Shipments. Soldiers and family members, if they are command sponsored, are entitled to the following.
 - (1) Soldier's Hold Baggage. The weight of this shipment depends upon the rank of the soldier and should include immediate need items. Furniture items, to include large screen TV's, may be prohibited in this shipment. This shipment is sent in a thick cardboard box and will arrive at the soldier's duty station

approximately 30 days from the day it is shipped. Soldiers E-4 and below who do not have a pinpoint assignment will have their hold baggage shipped the day they depart their last duty station. Service members E-5 and above who do not have a pinpoint assignment will have their hold baggage shipped upon assignment. Make sure you include in this shipment items like your standard telephone and answering machine.

(2) FM's Hold Baggage. FM's are also entitled to hold baggage. The weight is figured according to the age of the FM. FM's with concurrent travel will have their hold baggage shipped with that of the soldier. FM's with deferred travel will have their hold baggage shipped the day they depart for the overseas tour. If you have small children, make sure you include baby furniture. Also, include towels, sheets and clothing for different seasons. You will be waiting approximately another 30 days for your large shipment and you don't want to purchase something you don't need.

(3) Household Goods. Household goods shipments include everyday living items and furniture. This is packed in large crates which are sealed for movement. This shipment will leave on the same day the FM's depart. Underpack, if possible. Reduced household goods weight allowance and lack of storage in housing make this necessary. Do pack break-down shelving units, humidifiers, vacuums and audiovisual equipment. DO NOT pack guns or firearms. They are illegal in Korea.

(4) Storage. There are two kinds of storage: temporary and non-temporary. Temporary storage is used when the soldier or family are awaiting movement. Non-temporary storage includes those items that will not be needed by the soldier or family during their tour. It is important to note that this shipment cannot be disturbed during your tour. The whole lot goes into storage and remains there. Soldiers may need to request an extension of their non-temporary storage if their rotation date back to the States changes and more time is needed. This request is processed through the transportation office which did the non-temporary storage paperwork. Failure to do this may result in the soldier having to pay storage fees.

(5) Shipment in lieu of storage. Some soldiers on overseas tours would rather have their extra items shipped to a designated location rather than have the government store them. The transportation office will schedule another pickup and have the items shipped to the specified location. Soldiers electing to do this must make sure the designee stated on the transportation

paperwork will be available to take possession of the shipped items. Upon completion of the overseas tour, the soldier will again elect an additional shipment if these items are to be returned to the household. This shipment negates the soldier's right to non-temporary storage.

(6) POV. There is no authorization for shipment of a POV to Korea. However, the government now is reimbursing soldiers for storage at a rental facility during their tour. Talk to the Transportation Office about this entitlement.

- i. Permissive TDY. Soldiers going on an unaccompanied tour are granted ten days of permissive TDY to move family members if orders state "authorized movement of family members and household goods to designated location" on the orders. If family members remain here at Fort Knox no permissive TDY is granted. The soldier will also be entitled to ten days of permissive TDY upon return from Korea in order to move the family members to the new duty assignment.
- j. Finance entitlements. If the soldier moves the family members, the soldier must take to Korea a copy of the marriage license, birth certificates, rental contract, lease or purchase contract. That will entitle him to BAH (Basic Allowance for Housing). The soldier will also receive Separation Pay; however, because he is residing in the barracks he will most likely lose the BAS (Basic Allowance for Subsistence). If the family is command sponsored, the soldier will also receive Cost of Living Allowance (COLA). If the family members have command sponsorship, Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) would be paid to offset the cost if government housing isn't available.
- k. Inprocessing procedures. Depending upon your status there are different procedures when arriving in Korea. Keep in contact with your sponsor throughout the inprocessing procedures. Generally, all soldiers will be processed through customs and initial personnel matters at the airport. To make the processing easier, it is recommended that you hand carry (not in your checked luggage) your 201 file, leave form, 30 copies of your orders and your dental records. In addition, you should pack a bag of basic toiletries and one complete BDU and one set of PT shorts for weigh in. No special accommodations are made for families arriving at Seoul Airport. It is the sponsor's responsibility to pick soldiers up, make hotel reservations, etc. Most military flights arrive during the day and most civilian flights in the evening.

- l. Housing. Housing is smaller with few amenities. There is an internet address posted by Housing that gives waiting times, BAH, etc. It is <http://www.armyhousing.net/PCS/PCSHouseExpress>.
- m. Furniture Support. Furniture Support is available for the entire tour if limited JTR and 90 days if full JTR.
- n. Voltage. Voltage on post is 110/60 cycles. You may purchase surge protectors at the PX on Fort Knox before you go.
- o. Child Care. There are some Child Development Services available, but they are limited, depending upon where you are stationed.
- p. Employment. In Korea, 80% of all jobs are dedicated to Korean nationals. It is difficult for anyone GS5 or above to obtain employment. Most jobs are service oriented. Americans may not work on the Korean economy or for Korean contractors.
- q. Education. There are Department of Defense schools and a variety of preschool programs. There are also some colleges and universities.
- r. Medical. Medical and dental care is available for soldiers and on a space available basis for family members.
- s. Commissary. There are full service commissaries at Yongsan, Taegu, and Pusan which carry a wide variety of brand names shipped from the states. Annexes are located at Camps Casey, Stanley, Carol and Page. The Air Force also has facilities at Osan and Kunsan.
- t. AAFES. Most installations have a main store or annex. You may also order from the exchange catalog. It is not a bad idea to subscribe to or take along your favorite catalogs.
- u. Ration Control. There is a handout in your packet regarding this. This system limits purchases of high value items and places dollar limits on monthly purchases.
- v. AAFES Theaters and AFN Television. AAFES theaters offer movies but they can be one year behind the United States. There are a wide variety of programs broadcast on AFN television on post and in government leased housing. You may be able to get it on the economy with an expensive satellite system.
- w. MWR. MWR offers clubs, bowling, golf, fitness centers, libraries and many inexpensive tours to Korean cultural and recreational areas. It also operates the Dragon Hill Lodge in Seoul. This is a very modern

operation and is used as temporary lodging for many families and for those family members visiting the soldier in Korea. The cost is based on rank and you must have a reservation. The address is Dragon Hill Lodge, Unit 15335, APO AP 96205-0427. The phone number is Comm 011-82-2-9918-2222 and the fax is 011-82-2-792-0036.

- x. Post Office. All soldiers are required to have a four line address including Unit and Box #. Mail to and from the states takes about ten days for a letter and up to three weeks for a package. The holiday season increases transit time.
- y. Telephones. It is a very good idea to have a calling card. It will be difficult to get in touch with family on American holidays so make Other arrangements, such as the day before or the weekend after. Large phone bills are one of the leading causes of financial problems for soldiers in Korea.
- z. American Red Cross. The ARC remains the soldier's best link in case of an emergency. Please leave all critical information with those whose well being is important to you.
- aa. Military Transportation. Military bases are linked by a bus system. The trip from Seoul to Casey costs about \$4.00. Schedules and tickets May be picked up at post bus terminals. There are also post shuttles and post taxis. Soldiers and family members may obtain a drivers license in Korea. They must pass a sign and written test. A valid stateside license is good for 30 days. Taking your vehicle is highly discouraged. Driving in Korea is very difficult and you would stand a good chance of having your vehicle damaged. You would also have to pay for shipment yourself.
- bb. Korean Transportation. Hang on! This is a wild ride. Take something To read or do so that you do not have to watch. They use horns, not brakes. All systems are inexpensive and efficient. Try buses, trains and subways.

REVIEW/SUMMARY.

Your trip to Korea will take much prior planning and dedication. Soldiers who go with a plan in mind and those with religious ties tend to fare better in the routine of Korea. Communication is the key to keeping families connected and making reunion sweet.

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- I. Administrative Data.
 - a. Task
 - b. Conditions
 - c. Standards
 - d. Scope
 - e. Performance Plan
 - f. Condition
 - g. Standard
 - h. Academic Hours
 - i. Total Hours
 - j. Prerequisite Lesson(s)
 - k. Clearance and Access
 - l. References
 - m. Instructor Requirements
 - n. Additional Support Personnel Requirements
 - o. Equipment Required for the Instruction
 - p. Materials Required for the Instruction
 - q. Classroom Training Area
 - r. Instructional Guidance

- II. Introduction
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- III. Presentation
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 - e. Vaccinations
 - f. Pets
 - g. Shipments
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 - i. Finance Entitlements
 - j. Inprocessing Procedures
 - k. Housing
 - l. Furniture Support
 - m. Voltage
 - n. Child Care
 - o. Employment
 - p. Education
 - q. Medical
 - r. Republic of Korea

- s. Commissary
- t. AAFES
- u. Ration Control
- v. AAFES Theaters and AFN Television
- w. MWR
- x. Post Office
- y. Telephones
- z. American Red Cross
- aa. Military Transportation
- bb. Korea Transportation

IV. Review/Summary