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SUBJ/STANDARD FLAT RATE PER DIEM ALLOWANCE FOR WESTPAC UNIT
DEPLOYMENT PROGRAM//

REF/A/JTR//

NARR/REFERENCE A, SUB-PARAGRAPH 4090, AUTHORIZES THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A REDUCED PER DIEM RATE WHICH THE MARINE CORPS
USES TO ESTABLISH STANDARD FLAT RATE PER DIEM RATES FOR OCONUS
DEPLOYED UNITS.//

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1. Purpose. This message establishes the standard flat rate
per diem allowances for units deployed as part of the WestPac
Unit Deployment Program (UDP).

2. Background. Members assigned to WestPac UDP are directed
Essential Unit Messing (EUM) with an applicable Discounted Meal
Rate (DMR) deduction. UDP members are entitled to per diem
while in a temporary duty status (TAD/TDY) away from the
permanent duty station (PDS). Per diem must be reduced when
government quarters are provided at no cost and government
messing is provided. This reduced per diem rate results in
members being entitled to the meals (subsistence) portion of per
diem and the applicable OCONUS incidental expense (IE)
rate. However, the meals portion will be automatically
withheld/deducted from the member's per diem rate reimbursement
in order to pay for government provided meals, so the Marines
will see only the IE portion in their pay. MarForPac reported
that UDP units to Australia are provided potable water and
laundry facilities at government expense, which CMC (MPO)
determined is indicative of being housed on a U.S. installation.
Costs for haircuts and personal support items (e.g., shampoo,
toothpaste) are not authorized IE items and do not drive the UDP
per diem rate. Accordingly, the same IE rate will apply.

3. Action. Effective 15 April 2016, the rate of \$2.10 will be
established for all WestPac deployed units:

A - Australia

G - All Ground Units

I - Aviation Units (Iwakuni)

O - Aviation Units (Okinawa)

4. Computation. The IE rate of \$3.50 is applicable for all
days in a garrison duty status. MarForPac has reported that the
average garrison duty percentage for a WestPac Unit is 60%. 60%
of the daily \$3.50 is \$2.10, which approximates the total per
diem that would have been received for the garrison duty days
over the entire period of the deployment.

5. Coordinating instructions. HQMC P&R (RFF-KCI) will implement the rate change within the Marine Corps Total Force System. There is no action required by units that are currently deployed. Units pending deployment will continue to report the applicable unit diary transaction.

6. This message cancels out the previously published rates for various WestPac UDP locations as reflected in MarAdmins 056/01, 151/03, 521/07, 279/08, 139/09, 208/10, and 429/12.

7. This message has been coordinated with CMC (MPO).