

**Passport loss and more: Risks of ignoring U.S. taxes for citizens living abroad**

Imagine you've been living outside the U.S. for a few years, enjoying the culture and lifestyle of your home away from home. You plan a trip back to the States to see family and friends. What you didn't plan for was finding out your passport was revoked by the IRS.

Alarming, right? But this scenario is a real possibility. The IRS recently said it's following through on plans to revoke passports or deny renewals for those with tax debt of \$52,000 or more. As a first step, the IRS sends at-risk taxpayers a letter. But as many expats know, international mail can be slow – or not arrive at all.

Then, while your letter is in the mail, your case is also sent to the Department of State. This is what could potentially prevent your return trip. Instead of traveling home, you're stuck in the States until your situation is resolved, which could take months or years. Meanwhile, you may have a job, family and other responsibilities counting on you abroad.

If you're thinking there's no way you could owe that much, consider this. Many citizens living abroad don't know they have to file U.S. taxes, meaning their unpaid taxes start stacking up. Pile on yearly penalties of \$10,000 or more for failing to file returns or other required forms and \$52,000 is not so much of a stretch.

Here's what it means to you: If you owe the IRS \$52,000 or more and you don't have a payment plan or other agreement set up, your passport could be at risk.

**More on Corona Virus**

The CDC advises frequent hand washing, sanitizers, coughing into sleeve and social distancing as ways to help protect yourself against the virus. You can also go the extra step of disinfecting surfaces in your home, car, cell phone, etc. The most viable disinfectants recommended are bleach, peroxide and Lysol. The RAO will begin disinfecting the common surfaces, each evening to help give a little additional protection to our members.



# CLARK AB SPACE AVAILABLE FLIGHT SCHEDULE



Date	Destination(s)	Space-A Show Time	Seats (TENTATIVE)
11 MAR 2020	KADENA AB OKINAWA JAPAN	1300	TBD
12 MAR 2020	KADENA AB OKINAWA JAPAN	1400*	TBD
13 MAR 2020	KADENA AB OKINAWA JAPAN	1215	TBD
15 MAR 2020	ATSUGI NAVAL AIR STATION JAPAN	0800**	TBD
20 MAR 2020	KADENA AB OKINAWA JAPAN	0800*	TBD
25 MAR 2020	ANDERSEN AFB GUAM USA	1330*	TBD
27 MAR 2020	ANDERSEN AFB GUAM USA	0900	TBD

- (1) ALL TRAVELER'S MUST HAVE AN APPROVED BASE ACCESS CLEARANCE FROM DAO PRIOR TO SHOWING FOR ANY FLIGHTS. WITHOUT AN APPROVED CLEARANCE YOU WILL BE DENIED ACCESS TO THE BASE FOR SPACE-A TRAVEL. NO EXCEPTIONS!
  - (2) ONCE SELECTED FOR A FLIGHT, PASSENGERS MUST TAKE A COPY OF THE MANIFEST TO THE IMMIGRATION OFFICE TO BE STAMPED OUT OF THE PHILIPPINES. FAILURE TO MEET THIS REQUIREMENT WILL RESULT IN YOUR REMOVAL FROM THE FLIGHT. COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION IS AVAILABLE FOR A SMALL FEE TO/FROM IMMIGRATION'S FOR PROCESSING
  - (3) *\* Baggage limitations on these flights... flights limited to 30lbs checked bags plus one 10 lb carry-on*
  - (4) *Space A Call is conducted at the Haribon Passenger Terminal, Air Force City, Clark Air Base Philippines*
  - (5) *\*\* MCAS Iwakuni, Misawa AB and NAS Atsugi Japan travel is limited to persons assigned to Japan on SOFA status only*
- \*\*\*ALL FLIGHT INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE \*\*\* DO NOT TEXT FOR FLIGHT INFORMATION \*\*\***  
THREE DAY FLIGHT SCHEDULE RECORDING CALL 945-499-8395 / AMC SPACE-A INFO CONTACT: 945-499-8157 (0800-1700 HRS DAILY ONLY)

**\*NOTE\*\* ALL PERSONNEL DESIRING TO TRAVEL SPACE-AVAILABLE OUT OF CLARK, MUST HAVE AN APPROVED BASE CLEARANCE LETTER TO ACCESS SPACE-A AT CLARK AIR BASE. SEE ATTACHED INSTRUCTIONS AND FORMS REQUIRED FOR BASE ACCESS. NO OTHER OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR BASE CLEARANCE. YOU MUST SUBMIT ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDED OR YOUR REQUEST WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.**

## OPTIONS FOR SIGNING UP FOR SPACE-A

1. E-Mail to [733ams.cabsa@us.af.mil](mailto:733ams.cabsa@us.af.mil)
2. sign-up on the website @ <http://www.takeahop.com>
3. Sign-up in person at the Haribon Terminal located at Clark Field Philippines **(THIS OPTION REQUIRES BASE ACCESS CLEARANCE)**

**NOTE: You may only use one of the options above to sign up. You cannot sign-up over the phone or through Text message.**

**CALL 045-499-8396 for the three day flight schedule recording.**

**For other info call 045-499-8157 (DURING OPERATING HOURS OF 0800-1700 DAILY)**

**(Do Not Call the Station Chief or Deputy phone numbers for space-a info/schedules etc. Our Lines are reserved for official duty only)**

**RAO CLOSINGS-** NONE SCHEDULED THIS MONTH

**FAKE NEWS-** BAYPOINT ONCE AGAIN FULL TRICARE

Contrary to the recent rumor being passed around, Baypoint is not operating at full capacity as a hospital and accepting TRICARE. Baypoint is currently identified as a dispensary, but is appealing the decision and hopes to soon regain its Hospital status. Currently they can offer TRICARE only on an outpatient basis. This basically means you cannot be admitted. You can get outpatient services and Emergency room care under TRICARE. If you need additional care, Baypoint will stabilize you and refer you to seek care at a Hospital. You can choose Gordon Hosp, or Medical City in Angeles as Preferred Provider hospitals or Lourdes in Baretto as a certified hospital. You also have the choice of going to any of the hospitals in Manila who offer TRICARE or anywhere else in the Philippines for that matter.

**THANK YOU!**- To all the RAO members who opened their hearts and donated to the TAAL Volcano Relief Drive. We were able to deliver 24 boxes of clothes and food and 12 bags of rice to the effort. Once again, our members displayed their caring for the less fortunate of our adopted communities.

**FREE EYE EXAM AND PRESCRIPTION-** Last month the RAO offered, the opportunity for a free eye examination and a free written prescription by a Philippine Optometrist (AGO) from Manila. Of the 35 members who participated, 26 decided to purchase their "new eyes" from the company. They were also offered a payment program to help make obtaining their new glasses easier, on top of already discounted prices. Based on the success of last month's event, we have invited the company back for another session. **March 16 (Monday) is your next opportunity to take advantage of these services. Exams will begin at 0900. Please call the RAO for a reservation soon as possible, as they fill up quickly.**

**EMBASSY OUTREACH-** We have been receiving queries regarding the scheduling of the next outreach. Short answer is we do not know. Based on the 3 month cycle they are held, and the last one being held in January, we would anticipate the next to be April/May timeframe. We do not become aware of the schedule until about 2 weeks beforehand. If and when the schedule is released we will publicize it.

**REMINDERS-** We would like to remind members of the following;

Daily- AA meetings at the RAO beginning at 12:00.

Wednesdays- VSO Mike Verville, counsels and assists on V A claims by appt.

Friday- Ken Kimura, retired H&R Block rep, assists on U S tax Returns, beginning at 0800 first come first served.

**NO PARKING**- The city has erected No Parking Zone signs along National Highway. We haven't experienced members being ticketed for short term stops. Please be aware anything longer than a couple minutes may result in ticketing. If you come in for anything other than a quick mail check you may be waiting for a little while and are better served seeking off highway parking on side streets.

**WANT TO BUY A BRIDGE, or maybe a piece of it?**- As most are aware the Magsaysay Ave. bridge (affectionately known as Shit River Bridge), spanning the gap between SBFZ and the city, is scheduled for demolition and replacement by a 4 lane bridge with covered walkway, once again to act as the main artery to and from the rapidly expanding, Freeport Zone. The RAO and some veteran members (The SRB Memorial Society) have attained the rights to the bridge debris, and are in the process of developing and designing a souvenir (think DMZ Barbed Wire or Berlin Wall) which will be authenticated and serialized, and offered at a reasonable price. The proceeds from the project will be dedicated to the charities in the area. Demolition is anticipated to begin in the next couple of months and souvenirs, are expected to be available shortly thereafter. Hopefully this will be a highly successful venture as the proceeds will be a huge help to the recipients. The bridge was built in the early sixties, and millions of U S Service members have crossed it on their way to adventure. Many have fond memories of the kids in Bangka boats, diving for coins in the murky waters of the drainage canal. We will keep you advised on the progress as we go along. Have a great month!