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INFORMATION PAPER

Subj: PER DIEM FOR FAMILY MEMBERS VISITING INJURED MARINES

1. Purpose. To summarize new legislation and proposed changes to the Joint Federal Travel Regulations (JFTR) regarding per diem entitlements for family members visiting injured Marines.

2. Key Points

- Section 1318 of the Emergency Wartime Supplemental Appropriations Act, dated 16 April 2003, authorizes per diem for family members traveling to and from visits (and while at the site during visits) with a member who is seriously ill or injured as a result of service on active duty in support of Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom.
- The legislation specifically states that family member travel is authorized "without regard to" whether any determination is made that the presence of the family member is necessary for the member's health and welfare. However, the requirement that a member be "seriously injured," as that term is defined in 37 USC §411h, still applies.
- **Proposed** changes to JFTR paragraph U5246 incorporate the new legislation.
- The JFTR **proposal** authorizes per diem only for the original family member(s) issued ITOs by CMC (MRC) under paragraph U5246.
- The new legislation is effective from 16 April 2003, through and including 30 September 2003.