## NO FEE PASSPORT: WHAT IS IT AND DO YOU NEED ONE?

An Official or Dependent No-Fee Passport is used for Official Government Travel, they relay that holders are entering the country in an official capacity. No-Fee Passports are generally valid for a 5-year period and should be requested no later than 6 months from the PCS traveling date, although they can be expedited, if need be. No-Fee Passports look just like regular passports from the outside, except for page 26, which bears the following sentence:

"THIS PASSPORT IS VALID ONLY FOR USE IN CONNECTION WITH THE BEARER'S RESIDENCE ABROAD AS A DEPENDENT OF A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN MILITARY ON ACTIVE DUTY OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES"

Active Duty CG Members do not need to apply for a No-Fee passport themselves; but they do need to apply for one for every dependent they intend to bring along to their overseas duty station.

## HOW TO OBTAIN A NO-FEE PASSPORT

- Please see our CGPORTAL page for procedures on how to obtain a no-fee passport for dependents. https://cg.portal.uscg.mil/units/cgdcoi/l1/default.aspx (CGPORTAL)
- Members will fill out a CG-4650 for their dependent and include PCS orders. They will then fill out a Department of State application. It must be typed, 2D barcoded, and printed single sided. That website will guide on which application to fill out.
  Application for U.S. Passport (state.gov) (Department of State Application)
- The dependent will only need to see an acceptance agent if they are using the form DS-11. Regular Acceptance agents can be found here: <u>Where to Apply for a Passport Nationwide</u> (state.gov)
- If using a regular acceptance agent, they must print and give them the forms titled Release Letter for Non-USCG Passport Acceptance Agents on our CGPORTAL page. If they are using a DS-82, they do not need to see an acceptance agent.
- They will then FedEx the application to:

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