

# THE BOTTOM LINE



...on Government Travel Card Delinquency

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## The Issue:

The Government Travel Charge Card delinquency rate in USAREUR far exceeds the Department of the Army's goal of 4.5 percent.

## The Facts:

The credit card program gives the Army reduced rates and financial benefits. Cardholders are accountable for **all** transactions to their accounts and late charges accrue when accounts become delinquent. An account is suspended (card is unusable) at 61 days past due; at 75 days late a \$29 late fee is assessed; at 90 days the paperwork begins for involuntary collection; at 126 days withholding (pay garnishment) begins and will negatively affect a cardholder's credit history. Using the split disbursement option can reduce the overall USAREUR delinquent rate. Use of the card for Permanent Change of Station expenses is prohibited. Any use of the card when not on official TDY orders is prohibited.

## Tell Your Soldiers:

- Use the card **only** for official government travel
- File for reimbursement within 5 days of completing official travel
- When on TDY for more than 30 days, file an interim settlement voucher
- Select the split disbursement option on your voucher
- Settle accounts by the due date
- Misuse tarnishes our reputation as public stewards and leaders
- **Misuse by soldiers or civilians is subject to disciplinary action**

## For More Information:

Cardholders should contact their unit Agency Program Coordinator (APC). If the APC is not known please contact 266<sup>th</sup> Finance Command, Government Travel Charge Card Section, Linda Wherry, DSN 379-6238 (Comm: **06202-80-6238**) or Jocelyn Thrasher, DSN 379-6037.

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