

The United States continues to deploy members of the U.S. military to combat zones overseas. The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) recognizes the hardships these men and women will face and want to do everything we can to allow their families and relatives to see them off when traveling from our nation's airports.

In order to support our military troops, work with airport operators, FSD staff and military representatives to implement alternative procedures for SD 1544-01-10X, paragraph III.C.3. to permit relatives of military servicemen and servicewomen being deployed to accompany them to the boarding gate(s).

When advised by a military representative that a troop movement will be taking place, work with them to identify family members that desire to accompany the service member to the boarding gate and ensure they are issued passes allowing them to be screened and enter the sterile area with the service member.

These family members and relatives identified by the military representative should be considered as "other individuals" for the purposes of those authorized entry into the sterile area through the screening checkpoint. The family members and relatives and their accessible property must be subjected to screening at the screening checkpoint as with all other persons entering the sterile area through the screening checkpoint.

These accommodations are important to the men and women of our United States military services and their families and relatives.