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JASTA Fly-In

23-26 JAN 2017

Washington, D.C.

My name is Jason E. Johns and I am your PL for the Veterans Fly-In regarding the "Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act" (JASTA. This is the OPORD for logistics of travel and schedule of operations.

TASK ORGANIZATION

I. SITUATION

- A. **Target:** House & Senate Leadership, Chairs and Ranking Members of Armed Services, Foreign Affairs/Relations, Intelligence and Judiciary Committees. As well as the U.S. Senators from your home state.

Weather:

JAN 22				
Rain	52:47	100%	ENE 12 mph	88%
MON				
JAN 23				
Rain	48:42	100%	NE 19 mph	83%
TUE				
JAN 24				
Mostly Sunny	51:37	10%	NW 17 mph	61%
WED				
JAN 25				
Mostly Sunny	56:41	0%	SW 9 mph	68%
THU				
JAN 26				
Partly Cloudy	48:34	20%	W 17 mph	60%

Terrain: Urban environment with frequent rises in elevation. Transportation accessibility is good and will minimize need to march, however, while on the Hill and moving from meeting to meeting there will be some possible significant movement on foot. Be sure to pack comfortable walking shoes appropriate for uniform of the day (black or brown in color).

B. **Friendly Forces:** Jason E. Johns and others he designates in real time.

Higher's mission: Assure ease of veterans to meet with Members of U.S. Congress regarding JASTA.

Higher's intent: Make Members of U.S. Congress fully aware that veterans and military have serious concerns regarding JASTA and convince them, through our presence, that JASTA needs to be amended to restore protections for our currently serving military personnel and veterans. We will be meeting with Freshman members of the House and others who have not been informed/educated regarding our concerns with JASTA, and to ask their assistance in getting Speaker of the House Paul Ryan and Majority Leader Mitch McConnell to facilitate a face-to-face meeting between our veterans and leaders of the 9/11 Families Association.

Main body is veterans attending from around nation, **units to left** are lobbyists on ground in Washington, D.C., **units to right** are administrative and other support provided by The Advocacy Group and Qorvis staff.

C. **Attachments-** For (1) "*Real Impact of JASTA-One Pager-12.16.16*"; 2) "*JASTA Fix-12.19.16*"; 3) "*JASTA and Reciprocal Actions-Oct 16*."

**Assure that you individually review and learn the points included prior to Hill meetings. You will also have an opportunity for discussion among fellow veterans on Monday evening at the welcome dinner. You will break out in to your assigned groupings and discussion will be led by your designated Group Commanders who have attending numerous JASTA Fly-ins in the past.

MISSION

Who: Approx. 50 Combat and deployed veterans from the U.S.A.

What: Meetings with Congressional Members and/or staff on JASTA.

When: 24 & 25 January 2017

Where: The “Trump International Hotel”- 1100 Pennsylvania Ave, Washington, D.C. 20004 (dinners, breakfast and lodging), Capitol Hill Club (staging area during meetings and lunch) and the United States Capitol.

Why: Protect ourselves and fellow veterans from possible lawsuit in foreign courts for serving our country and “protecting the mission.”

II. EXECUTION

It is our intent that all veterans be prepared and on time for all events, training and Congressional meetings. Perfect accountability and safety will be maintained always. Everyone will complete the day's Congressional meetings with a high degree of motivation. I also want all veterans to enjoy themselves in our nation's Capital and pursue camaraderie and esprit de corps with fellow veterans in attendance.

A. Concept of the Operation:

Maneuver: This operation will be conducted in phases.

Phase I: Departure from Home Stations on 23 JAN to Reagan National Airport and then from Reagan to Trump Int'l Hotel (Hotel). All veterans are directed to take a taxi OR Uber from the airport to the Hotel. If you take a taxi, **Please Get a Receipt**. You will be reimbursed with cash on Monday evening x2 (r-trip) for your receipt. If you take an Uber I will ask you to simply email me that receipt (and others from the event) I ask that you forward me your Uber receipts as you get them then after the event has concluded I will send you money via PayPal if you have an account. If you do not I will reimburse you cash. ****NOTE:** If you do not get a receipt to me before leaving the dinner reception you will not be reimbursed.

Phase II: Upon arrival at the Hotel check in to your room and you are free until the commencement of the Welcome Reception at 1830 in the “Patton Room” downstairs from the lobby.

Phase III: On the morning of 24 JAN, report to designated area in hotel for breakfast from 0730-0830. From 0830-0900 we will be utilizing Ubers/taxis from the Hotel to the day's staging area/rally point at the Capitol Hill Club (300 First Street, SE, Washington, D.C. 20003). Once everyone has arrived and are accounted for we will walk up to the steps of the Capitol and take a group photo. From there you will head to your meetings. Upon completion of day's meetings (approx. 1630 or as determined) you are released to return to the hotel in Ubers/Taxis as arranged by your Group Commander. **Prior to**

departure back to Hotel your Group Commanders will be collecting your completed “Meeting Report Forms”.

Phase IV: There is an additional formal dinner on Tuesday evening. You are released and free to do whatever you wish on Wednesday evening after you have completed your meeting report sheets and turned in to your Group Commanders

Phase V: 25 JAN we will repeat the above for meetings on the Hill (minus the group photo). ****Also note that there will be no formal dinner on Wednesday evening 25 January.**

Phase VI: Departure to Home Station. Checkout is at 12 noon. You will have already been reimbursed for r-trip travel to airport so you are on your own to arrange for transportation back to the airport.

III. SERVICE SUPPORT

A. **General:** POC is Jason E. Johns (608) 209-0805 or Jason@nmlbvet.com

B. Materials and Services:

1. Supply:

Class VI: Subsistence – On evening of 23 JAN- Complimentary drinks will be provided from 1830-2000, with dinner being served approximately from 1915-2015. Reception ends at 2030.

This concludes the day and you may feel free to continue to socialize with fellow veterans but remember that Tuesday will be a long day so please be responsible. You are all adults and can make your own choices but if you are unable to adequately participate in Congressional meetings you will not be asked to return for future fly-ins.

Morning of 24 & 25 JAN: Complimentary breakfast provided at Hotel 0730-0830.

Lunch Mid-Day 24 & 25 JAN- Complimentary lunch buffet is provided at the Capitol Hill Club from 1130-1300. Please return to the Club and eat as your schedule of meetings allows.

Class II: 1. Uniform of the Day for the meetings with Congress is required, and can be your choice of: a) full suit; b) button down dress shirt (no writing or embroidering on it) and dress slacks with or without sport coat; it is requested, if you are able, to decorate your choice of uniform with full size Purple Heart medal on chest (if awarded), if not a P-Heart recipient please wear a full campaign medal(s) from an operation you were involved in. For females, a business dress, pantsuit, or other professional looking attire of your choice is authorized.

Uniform for welcome reception dinner is business casual. The Trump International Hotel is not the Motel 6 and the lobby will be full of professionals and others. I highly recommend you at a minimum, wear slacks and button down shirt or polo. Or jeans and nice shirt with blazer jacket of some sort. Females should plan on dresses, skirts or other semi-formal attire.

Class VII: Major End items. M-4s and M9s will NOT be drawn :)

2. **Transportation:** All transportation from airport to Hotel, Hotel to Capitol Hill, Capitol Hill to Hotel, and Hotel to airport is to be arranged on your own and will be reimbursed as per instructions above.
3. **MEDEVAC.** If any medical issues arise please immediately call front desk or 9/11 as deemed appropriate. There is an in-house EMS available via security and if a doctor is on call if necessary.
4. **MEETING REPORT FORMS.** I will be distributing forms to Group Commanders. These forms ask you to answer questions from your meetings as well as for you to add your comments. Completion of these by every member, of every Group, for every meeting is MANDATORY.
5. **TRAVEL TO AND FROM HOME STATION AIRPORT AND PARKING:** It is logistically an issue for us to attempt to reimburse any transportation to airport and parking while at the Fly-In. As such, we will not be reimbursing for travel to your home station airport and parking.
6. **CHECKED BAGGAGE FEES.** We do not feel that checked bags are necessary for these short trips. We have covered nearly all other expenses involved with your travel, lodging and majority of meals. We hope you can understand that IF you check a bag you will not be reimbursed for the fees involved.

IV: OPSEC

Two Items of Importance:

- 1) The Trump International Hotel monitors all social media that has any mention of its property. If you check-in there or post anything regarding your time there, be aware they will see it so please refrain from posting anything that may be irresponsible or of poor taste. A good rule of thumb may be to refrain from social media postings that mention the Trump Hotel whatsoever.
- 2) The Trump international Hotel lobby, bar and restaurant area has become a very known place for politicians and others to gather. During previous Fly-ins we have run in to Senators, Congressman, Agency Officials, Ambassadors, and lobbyists, members of the press, etc. Please be aware of your surroundings and who is in them. Of course, utilize the opportunity to speak with these individuals regarding JASTA and why we are there, but be aware of **WHAT** you are saying. Do not be offensive and do not reveal any internal discussions or strategies over drinks, dinner, etc. that may hurt our mission to get JASTA revised. This situational awareness also applies to what you are saying to fellow veterans while socializing in the lobby. We are all military and enjoy our profanity but please do know that people are listening so try to speak amongst yourselves as you would if children were listening 😊

The time to fix JASTA is now! What are your questions?