

TO: Inbound USSOCOM Members
FROM: Headquarters Commandant Office

SUBJECT: Commuter Options

Welcome to USSOCOM!

As we all know, the price of gas has increased dramatically and maintaining a vehicle can become expensive. Luckily there are options available that can help you decrease or eliminate the stress involved in driving, the cost of tolls and the wear and tear on your vehicle.

The Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority (HART) provides public transportation services, which are safe, dependable, and cost effective thereby enhancing our quality of life. Their Express routes are perfect for many of our USSOCOM personnel and run from Brandon, Fish Hawk and some Tampa Areas to MacDill AFB. There are free benefits for all ranks of military personnel and government civilians. For additional information visit the website at www.hartline.org Included are routes, maps, schedules and riders' guide.

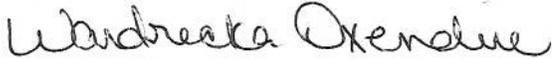
There are different application forms to obtain free bus passes; Air Force, Army, and Navy/Marines, processed by different offices at the Pentagon with different requirements. (The Navy/Marine form MUST BE TYPED). To apply, access the applications located at http://www.socom.mil/family_readiness/hqussocom.htm, or visit the C point of contact:

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Turnaround time for processing is approximately 45-60 days. A1C Colon Gonzalez hours are Monday-Thursday 0830- 1200 and Fridays 0700- 1200. During this time you will be able to drop off your applications and pick up your bus passes. If you are unable to get your applications to him during these times you have the option to fax or email.

Van Pool are organized by Bay Area Vanpools and for additional information please contact them at 1-800-998-RIDE (7433) or their website www.tampabayrideshare.org.

If you have any question, comments, or concerns please don't hesitate to give A1C Gonzalez or me a call.


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