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GETTING TO THULE AIR BASE

Because of Thule's location, actually getting here can be somewhat tricky. Here is what you need to plan for your arrival....

Thule's main passenger service is via DC-8 (cargo/passenger) aircraft operated by Air Transport International (ATI). The plane normally departs McGuire AFB, NJ, on Wednesday night at 2300 (show-time is 2100) and flies to Baltimore-Washington International (BWI) airport. The DC-8 then departs BWI at 0200 on Thursday morning (show-time is 2000 on Wednesday) for the approximately 6½ hour flight to Thule. Make sure you dress warmly and in layers since the plane can get fairly cold.



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If the weather is bad in Thule, your flight may be diverted to St. Johns, Newfoundland; Sondrestrom AB (Kangerlussuaq), Greenland; Keflavik, Iceland; or Frobisher Bay. All of these places are expensive, so make sure you have your government credit card or at least \$200 in cash or traveler's checks with you.

ATI provides services similar to commercial international flights. Two flight attendants are on-board to meet your in-flight needs. In addition, you will see two movies and have two meals (one large and one snack). Blankets and pillows are available as comfort items. We suggest you try to get a little sleep on the plane because you will have to do some mandatory in-processing as soon as you arrive at Thule.

All military members MUST HAVE either NATO orders or a NATO statement on their PCS or TDY orders (effective 1 July 05).

AMC at BWI

DSN: 243-6900 (option 2)

Toll Free: 1-877-4-BWI-AMC (1-877-429-4262)

Commercial: (410) 918-6900

McGuire AFB

DSN: 650-5023

Commercial (609) 754-5023

Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI) Departure

If you arrive at BWI by commercial air you'll be at one of the 4 domestic air concourses. You will have to go and pick up your baggage. It is a good idea at this point to rent a luggage cart for \$3.00 unless you are able to carry all of your luggage. You will need to depart your concourse and head to the International Terminal (Concourse E). It is a pretty long walk.... Once you arrive at Concourse E, go to the AMC ticket counter and check your bag. If you arrive before the AMC counter opens, there is a USO down the hall where you can leave your bag in a secure area, make phone calls, watch TV, and relax. There are also many restaurants and shops between Concourses B and D to help bide your time.