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Department of Veterans Affairs  
Financial Services Center  
1615 Woodward Street  
Austin, TX 78741



January 4, 2017

In Reply Refer to: 104/00

FOIA Request No.: 2017-03825-F

The Black Vault  
Attn: Mr. John Greenewald



Dear Mr. Greenewald,

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated December 31, 2016, described as:

"I respectfully request a copy of records, electronic or otherwise, of a list of all PREMIUM TRAVEL EXPENDITURES by your agency, during the calendar year 2016. (if you are required to do by FY, I will accept the FY of 2016 as well, but prefer calendar year, if possible.)."

We received your request on January 3, 2017.

Your request has been granted in full. A comprehensive search for documents responsive to your request has concluded. We have attached a 3 page document consisting of the information you requested.

The Freedom of Information Statute, 5 U.S.C. § 552(A) (4) (a) (II), places all FOIA requesters in one of three categories for fee purposes. The three categories of FOIA requesters are commercial use requesters; educational institutions, noncommercial scientific institutions, and representative of the news media; and all other requesters. We determined your request to be a **Representative of the News Media** request.

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If you are dissatisfied with the action taken on this request, you may appeal the determination by writing to the Office of General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs. Your appeal must be postmarked no later than sixty (60) calendar days after the date of the determination.

General Counsel (024)  
Department of Veterans  
Affairs 810 Vermont  
Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20420

The appeal should include:

1. The name of the FOIA Officer
2. The address of the component
3. The date of the component's determination, if any
4. The precise subject matter of the appeal

The appeal should include a copy of the request and VA's response, if any. The appeal should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal".

This response closes FOIA 2017-03825-F. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Ron Coasey at (512)-386-2297.

Sincerely,

  
For Terry Riffel  
Director, Financial Services Center

Enclosure

**U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Premium Class Travel Report**  
**FY 2016**  
**Reporting Period: October 1, 2015 - September 30, 2016**

Agency Trip ID	Traveler First Name	Traveler Middle Initial	Traveler Last Name	Origin	Destination	Travel Date	Exception Code	Purpose Code	Premium Fare	Coach Fare
VA - Employee Travel	Jeffrey	J	Shapiro	Ft Lauderdale, FL	New Orleans, LA	10/5/2015	F2	MSN	984	498
VA - Employee Travel	Allison	A	Hickey	Washington, DC	Tampa, FL	10/14/2015	F2	MSN	1,297	624
VA - Employee Travel	Janice	A	Brooks	New York, NY	Baltimore, MD	10/18/2015	T4	TRN	337	178
VA - Employee Travel	Catherine	T	Sacker	Baltimore, MD	Philadelphia, PA	10/19/2015	T6	MSN	135	80
VA - Employee Travel	Andree	M	Sutton	Trenton, NJ	Providence, RI	10/19/2015	T6	MSN	267	190
VA - Employee Travel	Grace	P	Parker	Philadelphia, PA	Washington, DC	11/18/2015	T6	CNF	128	80
VA - Employee Travel	Kathleen	M	Reavy	Trenton, NJ	Washington, DC	12/1/2015	T6	MSN	216	140
VA - Employee Travel	Hamada	H	Altalib	New Haven, CT	Philadelphia, PA	12/4/2015	T1	CNF	167	133
VA - Employee Travel	Robert	G	Karim	Roanoke, VA	New Orleans, LA	12/5/2015	F1	CNF	1,233	732
VA - Employee Travel	Raymond	L	Ivaska	Philadelphia, PA	Chicago, IL	12/13/2015	F2	MSN	1,134	314
VA - Employee Travel	Andree	M	Sutton	Trenton, NJ	Washington, DC	12/13/2015	T6	MSN	279	224
VA - Employee Travel	Kathleen	M	Reavy	Trenton, NJ	Washington, DC	12/15/2015	T6	TRN	248	172
VA - Employee Travel	Kimberly	D	Beale	Philadelphia, PA	Washington, DC	1/4/2016	T6	SPC	130	90
VA - Employee Travel	Kathleen	M	Reavy	Trenton, NJ	Washington, DC	1/5/2016	T6	MSN	216	98
VA - Employee Travel	Jeffrey	J	Shapiro	Ft Lauderdale, FL	San Diego, CA	1/11/2016	F2	MSN	2,105	524
VA - Employee Travel	Donna	S	Conwell	Boston, MA	New Haven, CT	1/13/2016	T1	MSN	132	93
VA - Employee Travel	Jeffrey	J	Shapiro	Ft Lauderdale, FL	Philadelphia, PA	1/25/2016	F2	CNF	1,429	750
VA - Employee Travel	Kathleen	M	Reavy	Trenton, NJ	Washington, DC	1/28/2016	T6	MSN	268	192
VA - Employee Travel	Cecilia		Stone	Washington, DC	Philadelphia, PA	2/8/2016	T6	TRN	130	78
VA - Employee Travel	Paul	C	Macpherson	Washington, DC	Newark, NJ	2/11/2016	T1	MSN	221	176
VA - Employee Travel	John		Waugh	Baltimore, MD	New York, NY	2/15/2016	T5	SPC	221	155
VA - Employee Travel	Kathleen	M	Reavy	Trenton, NJ	Washington, DC	2/16/2016	T6	MSN	248	126
VA - Employee Travel	Monica	R	Keitt	Philadelphia, PA	Washington, DC	2/21/2016	T6	MSN	167	90
VA - Employee Travel	Kathleen	M	Reavy	Trenton, NJ	Washington, DC	2/22/2016	T6	MSN	248	172
VA - Employee Travel	Barbara	A	Schuster	Lynchburg, VA	Washington, DC	2/29/2016	T6	MSN	130	84
VA - Employee Travel	John		Waugh	Baltimore, MD	New York, NY	2/29/2016	T5	SPC	190	131
VA - Employee Travel	Cherri	M	Waters	White Plains, NY	Little Rock, AR	3/7/2016	F1	CNF	817	485
VA - Employee Travel	Kathleen	M	Reavy	Trenton, NJ	Washington, DC	3/7/2016	T6	MSN	248	126
VA - Employee Travel	Susan	T	Crowley	Washington, DC	Stamford, CT	3/11/2016	T6	MSN	213	150
VA - Employee Travel	Thomas	A	Matsuzaki	Sacramento, CA	Little Rock, AR	3/13/2016	F1	TRN	1,328	718
VA - Employee Travel	Christian	P	Rietman	Portland, OR	Little Rock, AR	3/13/2016	F1	TRN	1,477	534
VA - Employee Travel	Gary	W	Devansky	Wilmington, DE	Washington, DC	3/17/2016	T1	SPC	178	86
VA - Employee Travel	Eugene	P	Goldman	Wilmington, DE	Washington, DC	3/17/2016	T1	SPC	178	76
VA - Employee Travel	Connie		Luigart	Washington, DC	San Diego, CA	3/20/2016	F2	CNF	3,119	620
VA - Employee Travel	Craig		Luigart	Washington, DC	San Diego, CA	3/20/2016	F2	CNF	3,119	620
VA - Employee Travel	Valarie	J	Delanko	Erie, PA	Washington, DC	3/28/2016	F4	MSN	504	415
VA - Employee Travel	Daniel	G	Federman	Stamford, CT	Washington, DC	4/7/2016	T6	TRN	213	132
VA - Employee Travel	Norma	S	Marsano-Jozefowicz	Louisville, KY	Oklahoma City, OK	4/10/2016	F1	CNF	1,148	460
VA - Employee Travel	Michael	R	Stephens	Indianapolis, IN	Oklahoma, OK	4/10/2016	F1	TRN	1,077	698
VA - Employee Travel	Jeffrey	J	Shapiro	Ft Lauderdale, FL	Atlanta, GA	4/11/2016	F2	CNF	2,262	332
VA - Employee Travel	Kelly	L	Unrein	Saginaw, MI	Baltimore, MD	4/11/2016	F1	TRN	561	485
VA - Employee Travel	Raymond	L	Ivaska	Philadelphia, PA	San Diego, CA	4/18/2016	F2	TRN	2,728	840
VA - Employee Travel	Kathleen	M	Reavy	Trenton, NJ	Washington, DC	4/18/2016	T6	MSN	241	140
VA - Employee Travel	Steven	G	Schliesman	Iselin, NJ	Washington, DC	4/18/2016	T5	MSN	294	183
VA - Employee Travel	Christopher	G	Eager	Denver, CO	Indianapolis, IN	4/25/2016	F4	TRN	486	422
VA - Employee Travel	Jeffrey	J	Shapiro	Ft Lauderdale, FL	Indianapolis, IN	4/25/2016	F2	MSN	710	548
VA - Employee Travel	Kathleen	M	Reavy	Trenton, NJ	Washington, DC	4/26/2016	T6	MSN	260	184
VA - Employee Travel	Brandon	A	Yabko	Salt Lake City, UT	Los Angeles, CA	4/27/2016	F1	TRN	1,274	286
VA - Employee Travel	Brenda	L	Jaynes	Blountville, TN	Indianapolis, IN	5/1/2016	F1	MSN	508	458

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VA - Employee Travel	Marilyn	D	Williams	Oklahoma City, OK	Beaumont, TX	5/2/2016	F1	MSN	661	531
VA - Employee Travel	Alan		Bernstein	Washington, DC	New York, NY	5/5/2016	T6	MSN	241	98
VA - Employee Travel	Jill	R	Snyder	Washington, DC	Fairbanks, AK	5/8/2016	F1	MSN	1,968	1,416
VA - Employee Travel	Alan		Bernstein	Washington, DC	Wilmington, DE	5/9/2016	T6	MSN	74	38
VA - Employee Travel	Kolar	C	Mahesh	Iselin, NJ	Washington, DC	5/9/2016	T1	MSN	191	98
VA - Employee Travel	James	W	Higginbotham	Washington, DC	Honolulu, HI	5/13/2016	F2	MSN	1,478	521
VA - Employee Travel	Kathleen	M	Reavy	Trenton, NJ	Washington, DC	5/13/2016	T6	MSN	305	160
VA - Employee Travel	Terrence	J	Swisher	Kalamazoo, MI	Atlanta, GA	5/15/2016	F1	TRN	1,136	588
VA - Employee Travel	Lisa	T	Lutsch	Philadelphia, PA	Washington, DC	5/15/2016	T6	TRN	136	90
VA - Employee Travel	Dusca	J	Fichtel	Philadelphia, PA	Washington, DC	5/15/2016	T6	TRN	136	90
VA - Employee Travel	Peggy	J	Filkins	Elmira, NY	Dallas, TX	5/16/2016	F4	TRN	912	575
VA - Employee Travel	Jeffrey	J	Shapiro	Ft Lauderdale, FL	Portland, OR	5/17/2016	F2	MSN	2,052	998
VA - Employee Travel	David	J	Gutierrez	Washington, DC	Philadelphia, PA	5/19/2016	T1	TRN	134	78
VA - Employee Travel	Samuel		Gyulnazarian	Washington, DC	Philadelphia, PA	5/21/2016	T1	MSN	158	78
VA - Employee Travel	David	J	Gutierrez	Washington, DC	Philadelphia, PA	5/22/2016	T1	MSN	198	78
VA - Employee Travel	Raymond	L	Ivaska	Philadelphia, PA	Washington, DC	5/22/2016	T2	TRN	398	90
VA - Employee Travel	Kathleen	M	Reavy	Trenton, NJ	Washington, DC	5/24/2016	T6	MSN	222	146
VA - Employee Travel	Michael	G	Goldstein	Westerly, RI	Boston, MA	6/1/2016	T6	MSN	76	46
VA - Employee Travel	Daryl	D	Richardson	Blountville, TN	San Antonio, TX	6/6/2016	F1	MSN	768	713
VA - Employee Travel	Kevin	J	Broussard	Houston, TX	Jackson, MS	6/6/2016	F1	MSN	775	774
VA - Employee Travel	Deborah	A	Kingwood	Houston, TX	Jackson, MS	6/6/2016	F1	MSN	775	774
VA - Employee Travel	Kathleen	M	McLatchie	Baltimore, MD	Washington, DC	6/8/2016	T6	CNF	29	11
VA - Employee Travel	Susan	P	Martin	Nashville, TN	Des Moines, IA	6/12/2016	F1	MSN	724	666
VA - Employee Travel	Fasha	F	Smith	Nashville, TN	Des Moines, IA	6/12/2016	F1	MSN	724	666
VA - Employee Travel	James	W	Higginbotham	Honolulu, HI	Baltimore, MD	6/12/2016	F2	TRN	2,858	1,280
VA - Employee Travel	Martina	A	Parauda	Iselin, NJ	Washington, DC	6/13/2016	T1	CNF	169	98
VA - Employee Travel	Kathleen	M	Reavy	Trenton, NJ	Washington, DC	6/20/2016	T6	MSN	256	140
VA - Employee Travel	Tammy	J	Salman	Lansing, MI	Chicago, IL	6/20/2016	T1	TRN	96	56
VA - Employee Travel	Veronica	M	Moran	Iselin, NJ	Washington, DC	6/21/2016	T5	MSN	176	134
VA - Employee Travel	Eleonore	W	Nemeroff	Iselin, NJ	Washington, DC	6/21/2016	T5	MSN	245	134
VA - Employee Travel	Lora	A	Sgroi	Iselin, NJ	Washington, DC	6/21/2016	T5	MSN	220	134
VA - Employee Travel	Kimberly	K	Harr	Fargo, ND	San Francisco, CA	6/27/2016	F1	TRN	703	653
VA - Employee Travel	Jeffrey	J	Shapiro	Ft Lauderdale, FL	Washington, DC	6/27/2016	F2	CNF	1,114	704
VA - Employee Travel	Ranjana		Banerjee	Iselin, NJ	Washington, DC	7/6/2016	T6	MSN	169	127
VA - Employee Travel	Jeffrey	J	Shapiro	Ft Lauderdale, FL	San Francisco, CA	7/11/2016	F2	CNF	2,691	628
VA - Employee Travel	Reinaldo		Nieves	Colorado Springs, CO	Alexandria, LA	7/11/2016	F1	MSN	931	853
VA - Employee Travel	David	J	Gutierrez	Washington, DC	Philadelphia, PA	7/13/2016	T5	MSN	319	98
VA - Employee Travel	Craig		Luigart	Washington, DC	Boston, MA	7/14/2016	F2	MSN	2,088	198
VA - Employee Travel	Connie		Luigart	Washington, DC	Boston, MA	7/14/2016	F2	MSN	2,088	198
VA - Employee Travel	Jeffrey	J	Shapiro	Ft Lauderdale, FL	Harrisburg, PA	7/18/2016	F2	CNF	1,312	940
VA - Employee Travel	Shelia	R	Robinett	Huntington, WV	Chicago, IL	7/20/2016	F1	TRN	562	300
VA - Employee Travel	David	L	Hull	Charleston, WV	Phoenix, AZ	7/23/2016	F2	CNF	752	726
VA - Employee Travel	Jeffrey	J	Shapiro	Ft Lauderdale, FL	Indianapolis, IN	7/25/2016	F2	CNF	1,076	548
VA - Employee Travel	Steven	G	Schliesman	Iselin, NJ	Washington, DC	7/25/2016	T5	MSN	282	127
VA - Employee Travel	William	C	Yarbrough	Huntington, WV	Dallas, TX	7/29/2016	F1	MSN	351	296
VA - Employee Travel	Jeffrey	J	Shapiro	Ft Lauderdale, FL	Indianapolis, IN	8/8/2016	F2	CNF	1,078	548
VA - Employee Travel	Quynh	H	Vantu	Richmond, VA	Savannah, GA	8/8/2016	T5	CNF	222	160
VA - Employee Travel	Vivieca		Wright-Simpson	Washington, DC	New York, NY	8/10/2016	T5	MSN	331	98
VA - Employee Travel	Howard	C	Conway	Savannah, GA	Richmond, VA	8/12/2016	T6	CNF	222	160
VA - Employee Travel	Melissa	G	Lloyd	Ontario, CA	Tampa, FL	8/15/2016	F4	CNF	1,145	894
VA - Employee Travel	Kolar	C	Mahesh	Iselin, NJ	Washington, DC	8/16/2016	T1	MSN	297	156
VA - Employee Travel	Kathleen	M	Reavy	Trenton, NJ	Washington, DC	8/17/2016	T6	MSN	198	146
VA - Employee Travel	David	L	Hull	Charleston, WV	Phoenix, AZ	8/20/2016	F2	CNF	1,665	726

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VA - Employee Travel	Margaret	D	Wright	Washington, DC	Atlantic City, NJ	8/21/2016	T1	CNF	168	112
VA - Employee Travel	Jeffrey	J	Shapiro	Ft Lauderdale, FL	Washington, DC	8/22/2016	F2	CNF	1,160	426
VA - Employee Travel	Connie		Luigart	Washington, DC	San Francisco, CA	8/22/2016	F2	MSN	2,665	444
VA - Employee Travel	Craig		Luigart	Washington, DC	San Francisco, CA	8/22/2016	F2	MSN	2,665	444
VA - Employee Travel	Raymond	L	Ivaska	Philadelphia, PA	Washington, DC	8/29/2016	T2	TRN	338	90
VA - Employee Travel	Steven	G	Schliesman	Iselin, NJ	Washington, DC	8/29/2016	T5	MSN	286	178
VA - Employee Travel	Kathleen	M	Reavy	Trenton, NJ	Washington, DC	8/30/2016	T6	MSN	198	126
VA - Employee Travel	Connie		Luigart	Washington, DC	Kansas City, MO	9/5/2016	F2	MSN	2,612	672
VA - Employee Travel	Craig		Luigart	Washington, DC	Kansas City, MO	9/5/2016	F2	MSN	2,612	672
VA - Employee Travel	Kathleen	M	Reavy	Trenton, NJ	Washington, DC	9/7/2016	T6	MSN	188	112
VA - Employee Travel	Gerald	F	Culliton	New York, NY	Washington, DC	9/8/2016	T2	MSN	414	190
VA - Employee Travel	Santhamma		Kurian	Elizabethtown, PA	Atlanta, GA	9/8/2016	T6	MSN	33	26
VA - Employee Travel	Raymond	L	Ivaska	Philadelphia, PA	Washington, DC	9/13/2016	T2	MSN	365	90
VA - Employee Travel	Karen	M	Naccarelli	Philadelphia, PA	Washington, DC	9/13/2016	T5	MSN	180	102
VA - Employee Travel	David	J	Gutierrez	Washington, DC	New York, NY	9/14/2016	T6	MSN	200	155
VA - Employee Travel	Tiffany	D	Mathis	Washington, DC	New York, NY	9/14/2016	T2	MSN	235	138
VA - Employee Travel	Steven	G	Schliesman	Iselin, NJ	Washington, DC	9/18/2016	T5	MSN	341	203
VA - Employee Travel	Angela		Denietolis	Tampa, FL	Anchorage, AK	9/20/2016	F1	TRN	1,404	998
VA - Employee Travel	Joseph		Francis	Washington, DC	Philadelphia, PA	9/20/2016	T6	MSN	118	78
VA - Employee Travel	Kathleen	M	Reavy	Trenton, NJ	Washington, DC	9/20/2016	T6	MSN	236	112
VA - Employee Travel	Thomas	J	Murphy	Washington, DC	Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia	9/21/2016	B6	MSN	8,457	2,731
VA - Employee Travel	Nadhal	R	Eadeh	Washington, DC	Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia	9/21/2016	B6	MSN	8,457	2,731
VA - Employee Travel	Scott	L	Duval	Boston, MA	Washington, DC	9/22/2016	F1	MSN	1,701	511
VA - Employee Travel	Brandi	D	Lueras	Albuquerque, NM	Tulsa, OK	9/25/2016	F1	TRN	1,421	630
VA - Employee Travel	Sweden	S	Dematas	Seattle, WA	New Orleans, LA	9/25/2016	F1	MSN	919	638
VA - Employee Travel	Modesto	D	Vidal	Gainesville, FL	St. Louis, MO	9/26/2016	F1	CNF	723	427
VA - Employee Travel	William	F	Begley	Philadelphia, PA	Columbia, MO	9/26/2016	F4	MSN	645	603
VA - Employee Travel	Barbara	A	Schuster	Lynchburg, VA	Alexandria, VA	9/26/2016	T5	MSN	110	72
VA - Employee Travel	Aria	L	Wuertz	New York, NY	Altoona, PA	9/26/2016	T1	MSN	105	54

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\$112,050 \$49,470

Total Number of Records Reported: 131

Total Cost of First Class Accommodations Reported: \$112,050

Total Cost of Alternative Coach-Class Accommodations Reported: \$49,470

Exception Codes

- F1 = 1st Class Air: No coach-class available
- F2 = 1st Class Air: Accommodate medical disability
- F4 = 1st Class Air: Required because of agency mission
- B6 = Bus Class Air: OCONUS flight time exceeds 14 hours
- T1 = Other Than Coach Class Train: No coach-class available
- T2 = Other Than Coach Class Train: Accommodate medical disability
- T3 = Other Than Coach Class Train: Exceptional security circumstances exist
- T4 = Other Than Coach Class Train: Inadequate sanitation/health standards
- T5 = Other Than Coach Class Train: Required because agency mission
- T6 = Extra Fare Train: Advantageous to the government

Purpose Codes

- MSN = Mission (Operational)
- CNF = Conference (Other Than Training)
- TRN = Training