



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
PACIFIC AIR FORCES (PACAF)

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MEMORANDUM FOR RETIREES/DOD CONTRACTORS SERVICED BY THE
BANGKOK US EMBASSY APO (96546)

FROM: PACAF AIRPS/CC
Unit 5124
APO AP 96546

SUBJECT: Closure of US Embassy APO (96546) – Effective 1 Oct 19

1. PACAF Air Postal Squadron (AIRPS) was notified that under the Tripartite Postal Agreement, between the Department of State, Department of Defense and the United States Postal Service (dated 25 Oct 11), that the Bangkok US Embassy Air Force Post Office (APO) will cease operations and a Diplomatic Post Office (DPO) will be established not later than 1 Oct 19.

2. Upon conversion to a DPO:

a. Under SOFA provisions, the DoD allows retirees to receive limited mail support. However, the DoS does not operate under the same rule set. Therefore, retiree mail services will be terminated after the official transition (1 Oct 19). AIRPS recommends pursuing other mail/courier alternatives soon (such as Thai post), rather than waiting for the final conversion date. All retirees should notify family, friends, Defense Finance and Accounting Service, TRICARE and other important correspondents of a new mailing address.

b. Additionally, DPOs do not provide mail support for DoD contractors. A waiver request for postal services may be submitted via DoS channels at each respective embassy in accordance with DoD 14 FAM 761.3(b), "*Post management must request exceptions from the Director, Diplomatic Pouch and Mail (A/LM/PMP/DPM) on a case-by-case basis, including a justification for the request.*"

3. My point of contact for this transition is MSgt Jeanette Berry, e-mail: berryj1@state.gov or 622-205-5124.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert J. Litwin", is written over a horizontal line.

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