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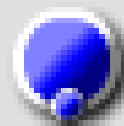
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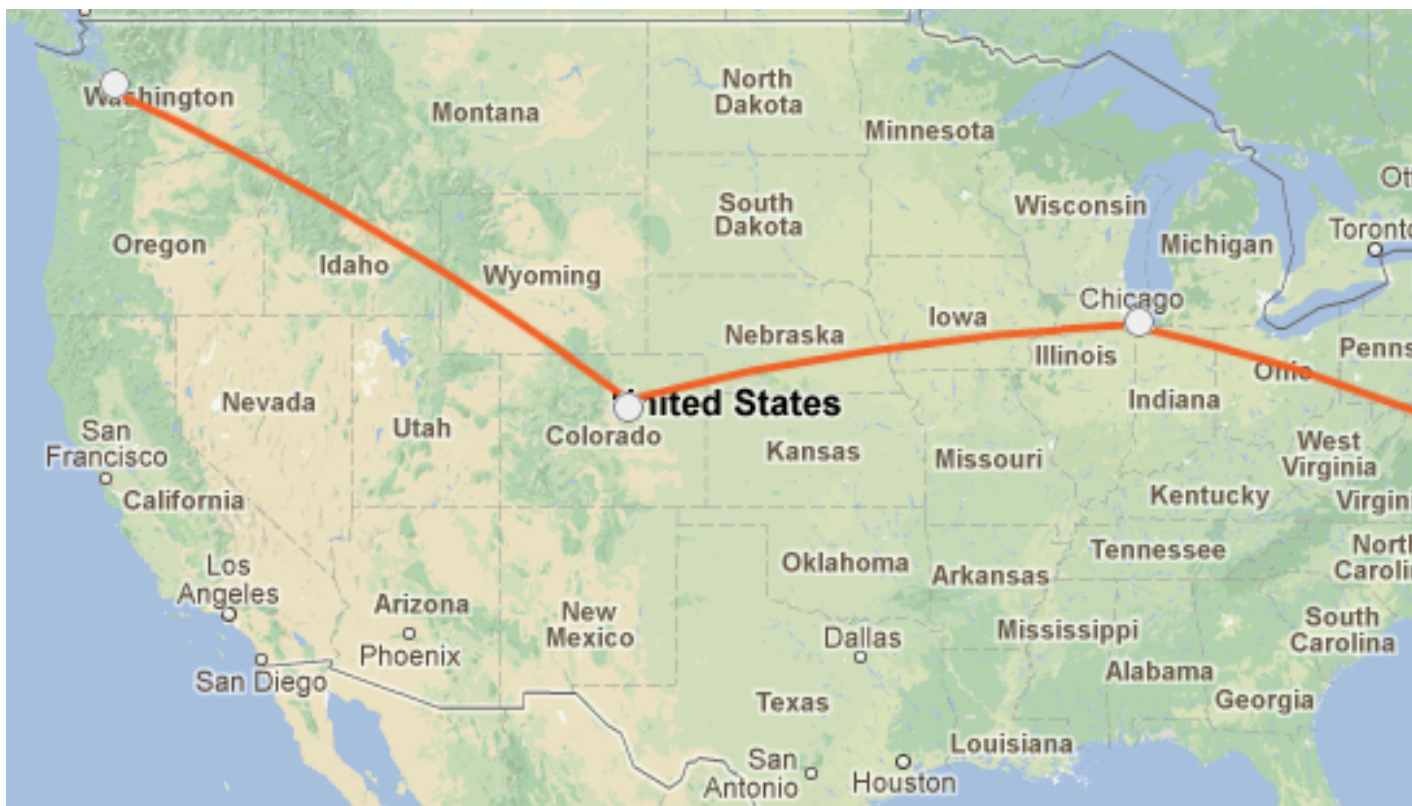
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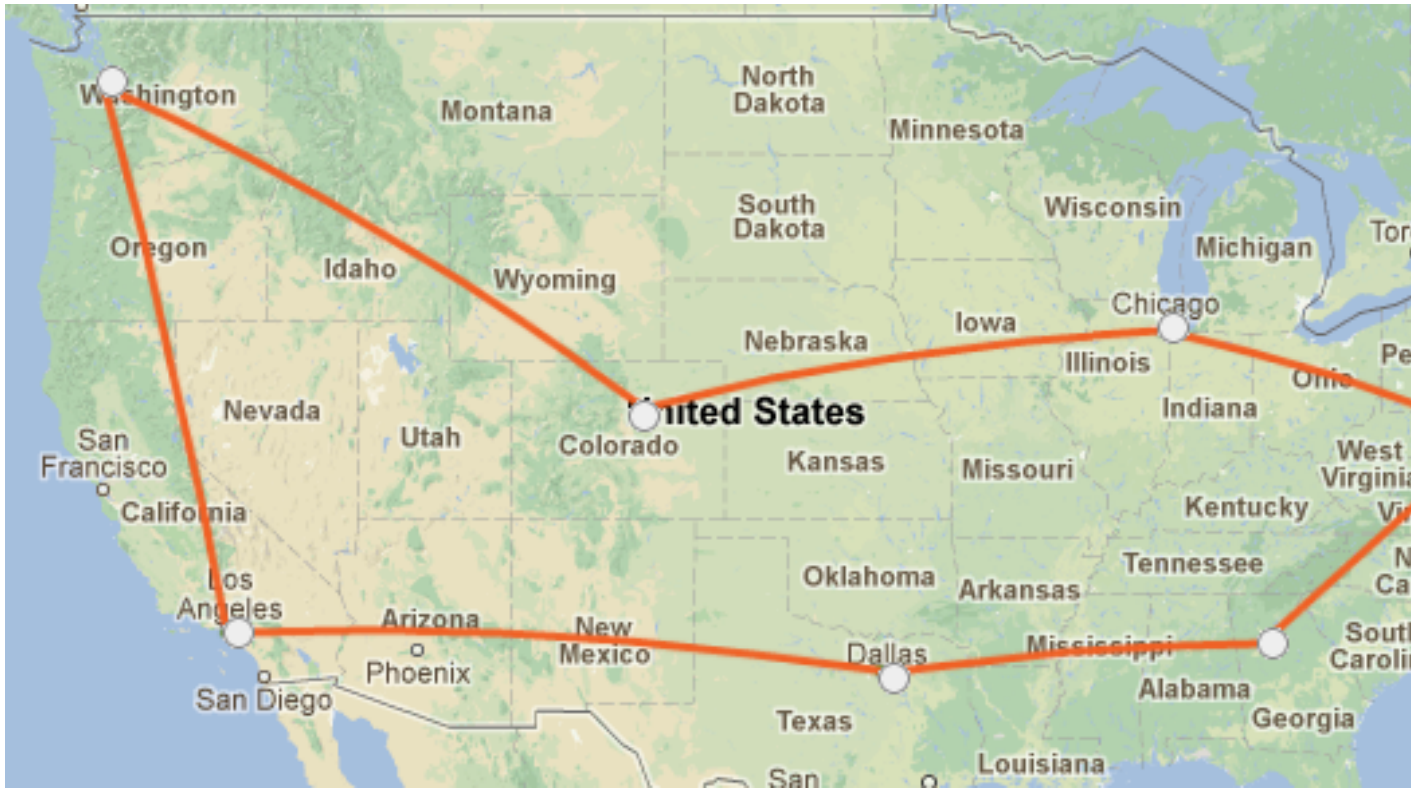
SeaTac and BWI with major commercial hubs that support these states. A logical proposal would be an additional aircraft flying three times a week connecting SeaTac to BWI and return. The commercial Hubs could include ***SeaTac to LAX to Dallas to Atlanta to BWI***. All of these commercial airports are major hubs and would provide our service members with convenient flights to their final destination. They may lower DOD costs and would lower troop EML leave costs.





A number of troops who will be stationed in the north or who will take leave between duty stations. A northern route that would connect to the major Hubs in Chicago and Denver might be feasible.





Would this approach save money? It may, but it takes an expert with AMC / DOD experience to determine this. And then the question is even if it does not save money would it be worth it for the morale, recruitment, and retention this approach would engender? A major problem for our young service members is paying for themselves and their family members for trips to and from overseas. This system could lower those costs substantially.

The aircraft used could be a commercial charter or an Air Force plane, whatever is the most cost effective. A cargo plane would be OK. The size of the aircraft would be driven by demand, but would likely be less than the trans-oceanic flights since troops can continue their journey by commercial air from SeaTac and BWI.

We are retired military officers with experience with DOD flights and would be glad to provide assistance to AMC / DOD with this study.

Another Thought

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And it may also be possible to design one web site that picks up all the Facebook postings as they are made, so that users can quickly see all flights from one web site. This might also be a business opportunity for a private company if DOD does not want to do this.

Added 9 Feb: One such company (Take-a-hop L.L.C.) is already positioned to implement such a no-cost-to-government consolidated web presence, free of advertising (unlike Facebook), but current AMC restrictions on information release are preventing the owner from moving forward with design. As written, AMCI24-101V14 (para 20.1 thru 20.4.14) threatens re-posters of even previously released data with being "subject to investigation and/or prosecution by law enforcement and [possible] loss of Space-A privileges". Its owner stands ready for dialog toward this consolidated solution.

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Older Draft below

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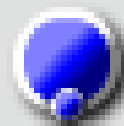
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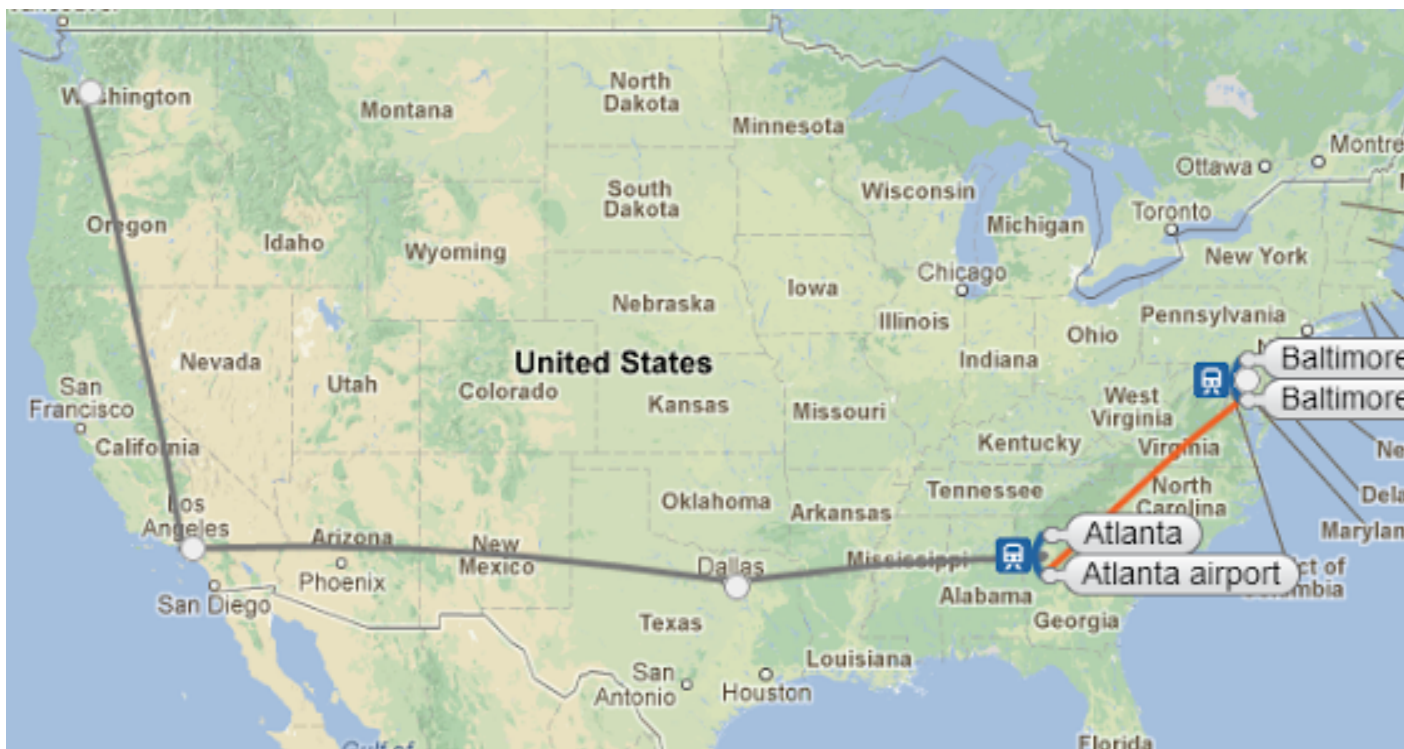


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BWI is an excellent portal for flights from Europe. The airport has a large number of flights to other locations in US at affordable prices. SeaTac is not so good. It is a great distance from the rest of the United States, with fairly costly air fares. This costs DOD/AMC and service members and their dependents. It is possible that an airport further in to the US would be preferable.

In any event DOD/AMC should consider that when they rebid the service. they write the proposal to encourage airlines and airports to bid. Example - A large carrier in a major HUB might give a very good bid to get both the service from Asia to the US, and give a discount on its air service throughout the US for continuation flights.

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