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## USDA USA TRAVELER PROGRAM

The USDA USA Traveler Program continues to be well received by Square Dancers throughout the United States. To date 70 individuals have received badges for dancing and visiting within 50 States. Ribbons to a National Convention are awarded upon completion of having danced in 48 and 50 States. Each of the fifty States has been visited at least twice since the program was started.

Joining Bill & Bobbie Shepard of Tennessee and Tom & Miriam James of Florida in having danced in all fifty States are Floyd and Judy Engelhardt from Minnesota and Mike & Mary Strub from Wisconsin. Both the Engelhardts and the Strubs are attending the Wichita National Convention on ribbons earned through the Traveler Program. The Strubs will be attending the Long Beach National Convention with ribbons earned through the program.

The purpose of the USDA USA Traveler Program is to promote visitation between dancers in all 50 States, and to encourage visitation of Square Dancers to regular Club Dances, Festivals, or National Square Dance Conventions.

A Badge and Red Bar is awarded to participants after having visited 12 states. Additionally different colored Bars are awarded after visiting 24 ( White), 36 (Blue), 48 (Silver) and 50 (Gold) states.

Forms to apply for the USDA USA Traveler Badge can be requested from the Program Chairman or may be downloaded via the Internet at [www.usda.org](http://www.usda.org) and clicking on the Traveler Banner.

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