INFORMATION PAPER

SUBJECT: NYARNG REINTEGRATION PROGRAM

- 1. The NYARNG has implemented a comprehensive Reintegration Program to ensure that soldiers are successfully reintegrated with their families, communities, schools and civilian employment following redeployement.
- 2. The Reintegration planning begins several months prior to the unit's return. Coordination with MACOM, Rear Detachment and the Deployed Unit Commander is critical to ensuring a successful event. It is also important that the events are portrayed to the soldiers and families in a positive and productive manner.
- 3. The Reintegration process takes place over three separate events as follows:
- a. 30 Day Reintegration event. This event is hosted at an off-site location away from the armory setting. The goal of this first event is to reconnect soldiers and families with each other and with service providers through round-robin stations. This event includes VIP welcome, Chaplain and Family Program briefings, round-robin stations that the members and families can visit in a relaxed, calm atmosphere. A youth program is also conducted at this event for youth age 6-18. Family member's attendance at this event is crucial to its success.
- b. 60 Day Reintegration event. This event is also hosted at an off-site location and intended for both soldier and family members. This event expands on the 30 day event by adding information briefings on specific subjects that are known areas of concern for redeployed families. The round robin vendors are also present at this event to give service members and families another opportunity to become familiar with all resources available to help them. Family member's attendance is again very important to have a successful event. The Youth Program is conducted at this event as well.
- c. 90 Day Reintegration Event. This 90 day event is a unit based event for soldiers only. This is technically the first official drill as a unit following redeployment. The Post Deployment Health Re-Assessment (PDHRA) is conducted at this time. There are also some Veteran Service Organizations present at this event. Many units choose to have their Freedom Salute conducted as part of this drill weekend.
- 4. The soldier is in a MUTA status for these events, and an invitation travel order is provided for one family member and children to provide for reimbursement of travel and partial per diem expenses.
- 5. The NYARNG is committed to helping our soldiers and their family's transition as smoothly as possible through the reintegration process. These events are continually evaluated and improved to ensure we are successful in this endeavor.