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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Change 1 to Requirements for Soldiers on Long Term Full-time National Guard Duty – Operational Support (FTNGD-OS)

1. Reference NGB-ARH memorandum, subject: Guidance for Full-Time National Guard Duty for Operational Support (FTNGD-OS) Performed Pursuant to 32 United States Code §502(f)(2), Other Than AGR Duty/Counterdrug (AGR/CD) (NGB-ARH Policy Memo # 09-014), dated 26 March 2009.
2. The purpose of long term FTNGD-OS tours is to provide the necessary skilled manpower assets to support existing or emerging requirements of the NYARNG. FTNGD-OS is not a career program. It is not authorized to fill real or perceived manpower shortages. Soldiers on long term FTNGD-OS orders (projected for 6 months or greater) are subject to the same requirements as AGR Soldiers.
3. Soldiers planned for long term FTNGD-OS tours must meet the entrance requirements of AGR Soldiers before being placed on orders. The enclosed checklist will be utilized by Commanders requesting to place Soldiers on long term FTNGD-OS orders. This process will be completed for each order.
4. The Soldier must not be able to qualify for sanctuary as a result of the FTNGD-OS tour unless a waiver is approved by the Director ARNG prior to the issuance of the long tour FTNGD-OS orders. Soldiers that have 17 years of active federal service (AFS) must be submitted for a waiver through MNHF prior to beginning a long term FTNGD-OS tour. The waiver request should describe why bringing this Soldier on FTNGD-OS and the potential for subsequent sanctuary at 18 years AFS is critical to the organizational mission.
5. The National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2005 (NDAA 05) directs that any RC Soldier who performs more than 1,095 days of active duty for operational support (ADOS) within a 1,460 day period will be counted against the AGR end strength. A memorandum signed by a General Officer is required for submission of a waiver to NGB for Soldiers who will server on FTNGD-OS for more than 1,095 days in the previous 1,460 days. All requests for waivers will be consolidated by MNHF and submitted to NGB. Soldiers will not start on FTNGD-OS until such time as the approved waiver is received from the Director, ARNG.

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6. A Soldier will not be placed on State Active Duty (SAD) orders concurrently while he or she is on FTNGD-OS orders. If the Soldier is required to perform SAD then their FTNGD-OS orders will be curtailed on the day before starting SAD.

7. Soldiers that are on long term FTNGD-OS tours in FY-10 and are expected to continue in FY-11 must meet the requirements of this policy before FY-11 orders will be issued. In order to provide adequate time to allow Soldiers to meet the requirements of this policy, a 31 day grace period will be allowed for the month of October 2010. If by 31 October 2010 a Soldier cannot meet the requirements of this policy letter they will be released from FTNGD-OS. All requests, to include checklists and waivers to extend Soldiers currently on FTNGD-OS must be received at MNHF-AGR no later than 31 Oct 10.

8. The NYARNG policy is that all Soldiers on long term FTNGD-OS tours funded from any source will use all their accrued leave during the period of their FTNGD-OS tour. Although selling leaving is authorized by regulation, fiscal constraints make it necessary that all leave be utilized within the period of the FTNGD-OS tour. We do not have the financial resources to allow NYARNG Soldiers to sell leave at the conclusion of their FTNGD-OS tour. Leaders must closely balance leave and mission requirements.

a. Commanders and full-time staffing (FTS) supervisors will enforce this policy and ensure that Soldiers within their organizations use their leave before the end of their FTNGD-OS tour.

b. Failure to enforce this policy may result in administrative or disciplinary action for the Commander and FTS supervisor(s) involved. Failure to use accrued leave during the ADOS period will result in a 12 month prohibition of ADOS of any length (IDT and AT excluded) for the offending Soldier.

9. Units can monitor their Soldier's ADOS status by gaining access to this RCMS website at

<https://minuteman.ngb.army.mil/unsecured/akologin.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fdefault.asp>

10. Completed checklists with waivers, if applicable, will be sent thru the appropriate FTNGD-OS Program Manager at JFHQ to MNHF (CW4 O'Keefe) NLT 30 days prior to anticipated start date for publication of orders. Once packets are received by MNHF, MNHF will conduct a case-by-case review of Soldiers who exceed, or could potentially exceed the cap to ensure that all applicable time is included. The link to the NDAA law is:

http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/html/uscode10/usc_sec_10_00000115----000-.html

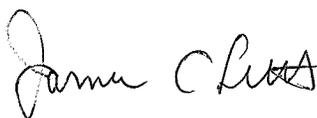
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11. The appropriate program manager is the budgetary approval authority for all FTNGD-OS tours. MNHF (CW4 O’Keefe) will validate FTNGD-OS tour packets.

12. POC for administrative actions is CW4 O’Keefe, who may be contacted at 518-786-4732.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



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FTNGD-OS Checklist

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