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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, G-1
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SUBJECT: Policy for Reserve Component (RC) Soldiers Serving on Active Duty in Excess of 180 Days

1. References:

a. United States Code, Title 10, Sections 12301(d) and 12301(h)

b. United States Code, Title 10, Section 12302

c. United States Code, Title 10 Section 688

d. Joint Federal Travel Regulation, Pars. U2145, U4105, and U7150

e. ALARACT 053/2008 – Authority for Issuing Temporary Change of Station (TCS)/Temporary Duty (TDY) Orders Beyond 180 Days in Support of Contingency Operations, 4 Mar 08

f. Memorandum, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs), 25 Jan 08, subject: Authority for Active Duty Soldiers to Exceed 180-Days and Receive Temporary Duty Allowances – Policy Update

g. ALARACT 176/2007 -- Authority to Authorize TDY/TCS Assignments in Excess of 180 Days, 8 Aug 07

h. Memorandum, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs), 30 Jul 07, subject: Authority for Active Duty Soldiers to Exceed 180-Days and Receive Temporary Duty Allowances

i. Memorandum, Secretary of the Army, 21 Jun 07, subject: Delegation of Authority Under Sections 123, 123a, 527, 12006, 12011, 12012, 12302 and 12305 of Title 10, United States Code

2. Introduction. This policy guidance is effective on 1 June 2011 and supersedes all previous Army policy guidance relating to TDY/TCS assignments in excess of 180 days to the extent such guidance is inconsistent with this policy. TCS/TDY assignments will

not be used to fill position requirements validated as lasting longer than 180 days. The 180 day restriction applies to initial orders for longer than 180 days, extension of orders that cause an assignment to last longer than 180 days and multiple orders that result in greater than 180 days in any 12 month period. All exceptions of this policy will be forwarded through command channels and the G1 to the ASA (M&RA) for decision.

3. Applicability. This guidance applies to all RC Soldiers and Retiree Recalls who volunteer to serve outside a designated combat zone or hazardous duty area on active duty in support of overseas contingency operations (OCO) under the authority of Title 10 U.S. Code Sections 12301(d), or 688. This policy does not apply to RC Soldiers on active duty under authority of 10 U.S. Code Section 12301(h).

4. Policy. Effective 1 June 2011, TDY travel and transportation allowances are authorized for RC Soldiers and Retiree Recall Soldiers on voluntary duty for 180 or fewer days. Permanent Change of Station (PCS) travel and transportation allowances shall be paid to all RC Soldiers and Retiree Recall Soldiers on voluntary duty for more than 180 days at any one location. Under the provisions of this policy, Soldiers will no longer be authorized the option of Contingency Operation Flat Rate Per Diem (TCS-55%) tours.

5. Soldiers **serving** on Contingency Operation Flat Rate Per Diem or full per diem orders as of the effective date of this policy may continue to serve and receive per diem until the expiration date on the order or through 1 June 2012, whichever comes first. No extensions will be granted to current orders to continue Contingency Operation Flat Rate Per Diem or full per diem allowances beyond the end date of the existing order. All new and subsequent orders for voluntary duty for more than 180 days will be processed as PCS or home of record (HOR) when the Soldier's HOR is within local commuting area of his duty station. Every effort should be made to avoid iterative TDYs and PCS orders for less than 365 days.

6. The G1 will develop implementing guidance for this policy no later than 1 May 2011.

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