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MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, U.S. Northern Command

SUBJECT: Per Diem Exception to Policy for Soldiers Serving in Excess of 180 Consecutive Days at One Location in Support of the Operations along the Southwest Border of the United States

1. References:

a. Title 10, United States Code (Armed Forces).

b. Title 32, United States Code (National Guard).

c. Joint Travel Regulations (JTR), dated September 1, 2021.

d. DoD Financial Management Regulation, Volume 7A.

e. Presidential Proclamation of Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak, 13 March 2020

f. Memorandum, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Subject: Request for Extension of Department of Defense Assistance in Support of U.S. Customs and Border Protection's Southern Border Security Mission Through Fiscal Year 2022, 23 June 2021.

g. Memorandum, Secretary of the Army, 2 June 2020, subject: Appointment to be a Member of the Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee and Delegation of Authority to Act on Behalf of the Secretary of the Army under the Joint Travel Regulations

2. Applicability. All Soldiers, regardless of component, who serve on active duty in excess of 180 consecutive days, but not more than 400 days, at one location in support of the operations along the Southwest Border of the United States.

3. Paragraphs 010206-B and 030302-B2c of Reference c., permit authorization of standard travel and transportation allowances described in Chapter 2 of Reference c. for members when the temporary duty, the call to active duty or an extension is required by unusual circumstances, emergency circumstances, contingency operations, or exigencies of the service concerned.

4. Pursuant to my authority to act on behalf of the Secretary Concern regarding matters involving the JTR as described in reference g. above and under my authority as the Army's Principal for the Per Diem Travel and Transportation Committee to act on matters involving the Secretariat Process in the JTR , I hereby authorize per diem and standard travel and transportation allowances beyond 180 days for Soldiers serving on the Southwest Border under the authority of 10 U.S.C. consistent with the JTR.

5. Limitation: Per diem is not payable to Soldiers who are perform active duty from within the local commuting radius of the duty location. Without a subsequent exception to policy, per diem entitlements are not payable to Soldiers who perform more than 400consecutive days of active duty at one location.

6. Expiration. This authorization expires when the Presidential Proclamation of Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak terminate or the Southwest Border mission is no longer required, whichever occurs first.

8. No later than the end of July each fiscal year, provide the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Military Personnel) with a report that provides a listing of the number of Soldiers, by component, that received Per Diem for more than 180 consecutive days.

7. My point of contact is Mrs. Angie Rodriguez-Torres at (703) 692-6889, DSN: 222-6889 or email angie.rodrigueztorres.civ@mail.mil or LTC Erica Miller at Erica.l.miller.mil@army.mil

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