

ALARACT 057/2016

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SUBJ/ALARACT 057/2016- CLARIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR INVOLUNTARY SEPARATION PAY AS A RESULT OF REACHING RETENTION CONTROL POINT (RCP)

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1. REFERENCES:

1.A. ARMY REGULATION (AR) 637-2, SEPARATION PAY (NONDISABILITY) AND LEVELS OF PAYMENT, 21 APRIL 2016.

1.B. TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 1174, SEPARATION PAY UPON INVOLUNTARY DISCHARGE.

1.C. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE INSTRUCTION 1332.29, ELIGIBILITY OF REGULAR AND RESERVE PERSONNEL FOR SEPARATION PAY, INCORPORATING CHANGE 2, SEPTEMBER 20, 2011.

1.D. AR 601-280, ARMY RETENTION PROGRAM, 1 APRIL 2016.

2. PURPOSE: THIS MESSAGE PROVIDES CLARIFICATION OF THE ARMY POLICY REGARDING SEPARATION PAY FOR ELIGIBLE SOLDIERS AT THEIR RCP.

3. APPLICABILITY: APPLICABLE TO ENLISTED SOLDIERS ON ACTIVE DUTY AND TITLE 32, FULL-TIME ARMY GUARD RESERVE DUTY.

4. THE INTENT OF REFERENCE 1.A, PARA 1-9 E(3), IS FOR ELIGIBLE SOLDIERS TO REQUEST REENLISTMENT OR EXTENSION TO THEIR RESPECTIVE RCP IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR SEPARATION PAY.

5. A SOLDIER WHOSE RCP IS GREATER THAN TWO YEARS FROM HIS/HER CURRENT EXPIRATION TERM OF SERVICE (ETS) DATE MUST REQUEST REENLISTMENT TO THEIR RCP. A SOLDIER WHOSE RCP IS LESS THAN TWO YEARS FROM HIS/HER CURRENT ETS DATE MUST REQUEST EXTENSION OF THEIR ENLISTMENT TO THE RCP.

6. SOLDIERS WHO CHOOSE NOT TO REQUEST REENLISTMENT OR EXTENSION, ARE NOT ENTITLED TO SEPARATION PAY DUE TO RCP. THOSE SOLDIERS WHO ARE WITHIN 30 DAYS OF RCP MEET THE INTENT OF THIS MESSAGE.

7. IF, UPON REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION ON ACTIVE DUTY OR ACTIVE SERVICE, A COMMANDER OR REPRESENTATIVE AUTHORIZED TO RETAIN SOLDIERS DENIES EXTENSION WHEN REENLISTMENT IS NOT POSSIBLE, THEN THE SOLDIER, IF FULLY QUALIFIED FOR RETENTION, IS ENTITLED TO FULL SEPARATION PAYMENT LEVEL. SOLDIERS NOT FULLY QUALIFIED FOR RETENTION WILL BE ENTITLED TO HALF SEPARATION PAYMENT LEVEL.

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9. THIS ALARACT MESSAGE EXPIRES 22 JUNE 2017.