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MEMORANDUM FOR The Adjutants Generals of all States, Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Commanding General of the District of Columbia

SUBJECT: Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS) for Title 32 Active Guard Reserve (AGR) Soldiers

1. Reference memorandum, Department of the Army, Office of the Vice Chief of Staff, 3 February 2014, subject: Basic Allowance for Subsistence.
2. The Vice Chief of Staff of the Army has directed a 100% revalidation of all barracks Soldiers (E-6 and below), permanently assigned to single government quarters and authorized to mess separately.
3. Please complete the enclosed roster and provide to ARNG-HRH via email to [ng.ncr.arng.mbx.arng-hrh-m@mail.mil](mailto:ng.ncr.arng.mbx.arng-hrh-m@mail.mil) for consolidation and submission to HQDA. A negative response is required.
4. Points of contact are MSG Lena M. Selby at 703-607-3399, DSN 327-3399, or [lena.m.selby.mil@mail.mil](mailto:lena.m.selby.mil@mail.mil) and Ms. Alycia J. Robinson at 703-607-5808, DSN 327-5808, or [alycia.j.robinson.civ@mail.mil](mailto:alycia.j.robinson.civ@mail.mil).

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Memo, DA, VCSA, 3 Feb14

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1. Title 10, United States Code, section 4561(c), entitles enlisted Soldiers on active duty to one ration daily, which the Department of Defense has defined as the quantity of nutritionally adequate food required for one person to subsist for one day. At the same time, military pay law, Title 37, United States Code, section 402, entitles all enlisted Soldiers, other than those in initial entry training, to receive a Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS). Department of Defense (DoD) Instruction 1338.10, implements these statutory provisions and establishes a uniform food services policy for all the services. In accordance with the DoD Financial Management Regulation, the Army collects the discount meal rate from an enlisted Soldier's pay using mandatory pay account collections, when the enlisted Soldier is not entitled to mess separately.
2. The Army does not have a stand-alone policy for separate rations that limits the number of enlisted Soldiers living in barracks that commanders may authorize to mess separately. The Army implements the DoD policy outlined in DoD Directive 1418.05, BAS Policy, which authorizes commanders to allow a Soldier to mess separately only when their assigned duties cause them to miss more than twenty percent of their meals the Government furnishes on a monthly basis.
3. To further ensure that the Army is in compliance with the legal and regulatory requirements concerning BAS:
  - a. Commanders of Army Commands, Army Service Component Commands and Direct Reporting Units are directed to conduct a 100% revalidation of all barracks Soldiers on separate rations by 28 February 2014. Commanders will complete the enclosed report and submit it via email to the Deputy Chief of Staff (DCS), G-1 point of contact (POC) listed in paragraph four of this memo not later than 14 March 2014.
  - b. Battalion commanders will maintain approval authority for Soldiers on separate rations.
  - c. Brigade commanders will certify approval and expand oversight through management control, command inspections, and staff assistance visits.
  - d. Senior Commanders will provide increased direction and emphasis.

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**4. The DCS, G-1 POC for reporting and for additional information is Mr. J.D. Riley, DAPE-PRC, (703) 571-7117 or james.d.riley14.civ@mail.mil.**

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