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MEMORANDUM FOR the ARNG Education and Incentives Personnel of all States, Puerto Rico, The Virgin Islands, Guam and the District of Columbia.

SUBJECT: National Defense Authorization Act of 2008 Update

1. The National Defense Authorization Act of 2008 (NDAA08) was passed into law on January 28, 2008. The law outlines significant changes to the Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP) Chapter 1607. Provisions included in the law that may be implemented, pending guidance from the Department of Defense (DoD), include:

a. Qualification for the 80% REAP payment rate for aggregate post-September 11, 2001 active service of 3 or more years.

b. A \$600 Buy-Up program for REAP participants.

c. 10-years of post-service benefit eligibility for REAP participants who complete a service contract with an other than dishonorable separation.

d. Retention of REAP eligibility during breaks in Selected Reserve service for members who remain in the Ready Reserve during those breaks.

e. Accelerated payments for REAP and MGIB-SR participants pursuing non-degree programs lasting two years or less.

f. Modified ending dates for MGIB-SR participants involuntarily separated due to unit deactivation.

2. The DoD must issue guidance in the form of a Directive Type Memo (DTM) or DoD Instruction (DoDI) before the Reserve Components can implement post-NDAA08 REAP policy. The ARNG has completed a final draft of a new REAP Chapter 1607 policy, which reflects the anticipated changes, and continues to work closely with the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA), the Defense Finance & Accounting Service (DFAS) and other Reserve Components to establish procedures to ensure the effective implementation of the anticipated program changes. However, the ARNG cannot release its new REAP policy until the DoD issues its guidance.

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