



NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU

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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: Operation Forward March, About Face

1. The Army National Guard is hosting an About Face/Forward March video teleconference in January 2010. The Employment and Education Outreach staff from NGB-EDU-EM, in conjunction with Hawaii and Florida National Guard leadership, will be co-hosting the event. The following VTC times are broken down into three days and correspond to the states region:

(Central States) 12 January 2010 from 1600-1800 EST
(Western States) 13 January 2010 from 1700-1900 EST
(Eastern States) 14 January 2010 from 1500-1700 EST

Each VTC will provide guidance to all States and Territories interested in utilizing About Face! and/or Forward March to assist their local communities.

2. The About Face! youth program initially started in response to Florida's out-of-control high school dropout rates over a decade ago and the program is now operating very successfully in Florida and Hawaii. High school dropout rates continue to rise across the nation. In light of this, the National Guard Bureau (NGB) has expanded the About Face! program into a national education outreach initiative. It is clear such an initiative is needed now more than ever.

3. I am encouraged to see the program's impact with people in the field already and to further this early success, NGB has developed a new partnership with the United States Department of Education (ED). Participating States and Territories will be eligible for the first round of funds which may soon surface from ED's 21st Century Community Learning Center Program.

4. States interested in participating in the January 2010 VTC should provide your state's IP address NLT 08 January 2010 to Mrs. Kim Folsom-Kuster, Program Coordinator at Kim.FolsomKuster@us.army.mil or 703-607-9718.

5. Point of contact for this memorandum is LTC Thomas Cannariato, EDU-Employment and Education outreach Branch Chief at Thomas.Cannariato@us.army.mil or 703-601-7871.

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