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8 July 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ADJUTANTS GENERAL OF ALL STATES, PUERTO RICO,
THE VIRGIN ISLANDS, GUAM, AND THE DISTRICT OF
COLUMBIA

SUBJECT: (All States Log Number P96-0071) Retention of
Commissioned Warrant Officers Past Age 60

1. Reference AR 135-32 (Retention in an Active Status After Qualification for Retired Pay).
2. On 1 October 1996, the Reserve Officer Personnel Management Act (ROPMA) will become law. Effective with ROPMA, the mandatory removal date (MRD) for maximum time-in-service for commissioned warrant officers will become the attainment of 62 years and 2 months of age, (10 USC Section 1164).
3. This memorandum provides the guidance and policy for the administrative process and actions necessary to affect retention of warrant officers past retirement eligibility.
4. Commissioned Warrant Officers who will qualify for retired pay under 10 USC 12731 at attainment of age 60 are eligible to be considered for retention in an active status under 10 USC 12308, providing they have not applied for or been granted retired pay IAW AR 135-180, and meet the retention criteria shown below.
5. To be retained, the MOS of the requesting officer must be determined by the local commander as a critical MOS and the retention is necessary to meet mobilization requirements.
6. Request for retention procedures are as follows:
 - a. Unit commanders will advise eligible warrant officers under their jurisdiction who indicate a desire for retention to submit an application.
 - b. Applications must be in memorandum format and sent through and favorably endorsed by command channels to CNGB, ATTN: NGB-ARP-PO no later than 120 days before the officer's 60th birthday.
 - c. Requests for retention must include all of the following.

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(1) Commander's endorsement containing a statement that retention of this officer is in the best interest of the ARNG. Endorsement must include the MTOE/TDA para/line number where referenced officer is assigned and certification that he/she meets the deployability standards.

(2) Statement that retention is requested IAW 10 USC 1164 and 12308.

(3) A statement that the officer meets body composition/weight control standards of AR 600-9 and the medical fitness standards of NGR/AR 40-501. Provide copy of most recent APFT and medical exam reports.

(4) A statement signed by the applicant that he or she has not applied for or been granted retired pay and will not seek separation if the unit or assignment is mobilized/deployed.

7. Upon receipt of requested personnel action, NGB-ARP-PO will review correspondence, make a final determination, and if approved, cause the issuance of Federal Recognition orders to affect the officer's retention. If disapproved, request will be returned with reason(s) for disapproval.

8. The policy and guidance contained in this memorandum will remain in effect until 8 July 1997.

9. Points of contact are: LTC Godfrey or CW5 Bouchard, NGB-ARP-PO, at DSN 327-7122/9517 or CML (703) 607-7122/9517.

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