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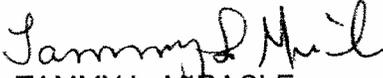
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MEMORANDUM FOR MILPOs

SUBJECT: Direct Appointment of Army National Guard Officers (NGB-ARH memo # 04-037)

1. Reference NGB-ARH memorandum dated 18 June 2003, Subject: Army National Guard (ARNG) Direct Commissioning Program for Basic Branches.
2. The reference in paragraph one announces the policy and requirements of the ARNG Direct Commissioning Program.
3. The current operational environment has greatly increased the pool of non-commissioned officers (NCOs) with operational experience. In light of this fact it would be appropriate for States to review the qualifications of highly experienced NCOs with an eye toward considering recommending them for a direct appointment as a basic branch officer.
4. Provided the NCO meets the requirements of the reference in paragraph one, the experience gained during operational deployments may well serve to eliminate the need for the NCO to attend Officer Candidate School. However, the decision to recommend a NCO for direct appointment still rests with the State.
5. Point of contact for this action is MAJ Lemuel Clement, Chief, Personnel Regulation Branch, NGB-ARH-RB, DSN 327-3400 or 703-607-3400.


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