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MEMORANDUM FOR MILPOs

SUBJECT: Use of the Army National Guard Education Support Center by Officer Candidate School (OCS) Graduates (NGB-ARH memo # 04-0043)

1. References:

a. National Guard Regulation (NGR) 600-100, Commissioned Officers – Federal Recognition and Related Personnel Actions, Dated 15 April 1994

b. Section 12205 Title 10 United States Code

2. Reference 1b requires that all officers must possess a baccalaureate degree from a qualifying educational institution in order to be promoted to a grade above First Lieutenant.

3. Because the majority of Army National Guard officers are appointed through Officer Candidate School (OCS), and are not required to possess a degree in order to be appointed, this requirement is having a negative impact on both the careers of our junior officers and our ability to maintain company grade officer strength nationwide.

4. Therefore, all MILPOs are encouraged to guide those officers graduating from OCS who do not possess a baccalaureate degree toward the Army National Guard Education Support Center (ESC). The ESC can assist these officers by developing a plan of study, tailored to each student, which gives the officer a roadmap to degree completion.

5. The service provided by the ESC is free. Officers may make contact with the ESC by calling 1-866-628-5999 or by visiting http://mil.ngpec.org

6. Point of contact for this action is MAJ Lem Clement at 703-607-3400.

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