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MEMORANDUM FOR MILPOs

SUBJECT: Availability of Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty (GRFD) and Dedicated ARNG (DedARNG) Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Scholarships (NGB-ARH #05-008)

1. Reference Title 10 USC, Sections 2107(h)(2), 2107a and 16134(1).
2. This memorandum provides instructional guidance pertaining to the availability of GRFD and DedARNG scholarships.
3. ARNG GRFD and DedARNG scholarships for School Year (SY) 2005-2006 have been allocated to each state in accordance with CC Reg 145-1, Appendix K.
4. The GRFD and DedARNG scholarships pay 100 percent of tuition and applicable fees (up to \$20,000 annually). Scholarship recipients may choose between payment of tuition or room and board. Recipients also receive a \$900 annual book allowance. The ROTC stipend and drill pay is available for Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP) cadets. Participation in the SMP is mandatory for all RC scholarship recipients. A GRFD scholarship recipient may also collect Chapter 30, Active Duty MGIB benefits or Chapter 1606, Selected Reserve MBIB and the MGIB-SR Kicker Incentive if eligible.
5. Recipients of RC scholarships must sign a GRFD contract to ensure service in the ARNG upon commission with an eight-year military service obligation. Prior service soldiers receiving Chapter 30 MGIB benefits are eligible to receive the DedARNG scholarship and retain MGIB benefits.
6. Professors of Military Science will provide the Adjutants General with applications of eligible scholarship nominees. The State or Territory will compile an order of Merit List (OML) that will rank order the applicants as they should be awarded scholarships. Geographical Company Grade shortages may be considered a factor in determining the OML. The OML and the nominee applications will be forwarded to Headquarters, United States Army Cadet Command, ATCC-OI-R, Fort Monroe, VA 23651-5000.

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7. The suspense to Cadet Command is 01 April 2005. This suspense is established to service the main scholarship campaign and to award the scholarships prior to an applicant completing the Spring Semester. Awarding the scholarship prior to the end of the semester is intended to reduce attrition and increase scholarship acceptance.

8. Scholarship applications will be accepted throughout the year and will be awarded dependent upon funds available at the time of receipt.

9. Applicants may apply for and be considered for both scholarships at the same time.

10. Scholarship winners will be announced by late May. All scholarship winners must complete a GRFD contract as a condition of the scholarship being awarded. While Cadet Command completes the selection process the States and Territories should identify position vacancies designated for fill by scholarship winners to serve in as SMP's.

11. This memorandum will expire one year from date of publication unless sooner rescinded or superseded.

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