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

SUBJECT: Presentation of United States Flag to Members of the Army National Guard Upon Retirement (ARH Memo 05-033)

1. References:

a. Section 3681 of Title 10, United States Code – Armed Forces Subtitles B-E (SS 3001 – end), As Amended through 31 December 2003, Defense Related Laws – Volume 1B.

b. Section 12605 of Title 10, United States Code – Armed Forces Subtitles B-E (SS 3001 – end), As Amended through 31 December 2003, Defense Related Laws – Volume 1B.

2. In accordance with sections 3682 and 12605 of Title 10, United States Code, effective immediately the following individuals will be presented a United States Flag:

a. Active Guard and Reserve (AGR) members, either Title 10 or Title 32, being released from active duty or full-time National Guard duty for retirement.

b. Selected Reserve members upon transfer from an active status or discharge who have completed the years of service required for eligibility for retired pay under chapter 1223 of Title 10, United States Code.

3. A member is **not** eligible for presentation of a flag if that individual was previously presented a flag under this authority or any provision of law providing for a flag incident to release from active service for retirement.

4. The presentation of a flag under this authority shall be provided at no cost to the recipient.

5. There are no special appropriated funds available for flag purchases. Unit Operations and Maintenance (O&M) funds may be used to purchase cotton outdoor flags for issuance to retirees.

6. The GSA Home Page, <http://www.fss.gsa.gov>, under GSA Advantage provides an array of flags for purchase. The GSA is set up to take Internet orders with the use of credit cards.

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7. States are encouraged to develop local presentation programs if they so desire. This could include having a flag flown over the United States Capitol or the appropriate State Capitol in honor of the retiree. This option is available through your congressional representative. A current list of U.S. Senators and Representatives can be obtained from the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives website at <http://www.senate.gov> or <http://www.house.gov>. O&M funds may not be used to pay for expenses such as shipping and handling, if any, associated with flying a flag in honor of a retiree.

8. This memorandum expires 1 April 2006 unless sooner rescinded or superseded.

9. Point of contact is MSG McKnight, NGB-ARH, DSN 327-3470; 703-607-3470; or email Kenneth.McKnight@ngb.army.mil.

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