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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Humanitarian Service Medal (HSM) and Armed Forces Service Medal (AFSM) For Army National Guard Members Engaged in the Relief Efforts for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita (NGB-ARH Policy Memo # 06-019)

Reference:

- a. Message, HQDA, ALARACT 247/2005, Subject: Military Awards.
 - b. AR 600-8-22, Military Awards, 25 February 2005.
 - c. AR 600-8-104, Military Personnel Information Management/Records, 22 June 2004.
2. Purpose: This memorandum provides policy guidance for the award of the HSM and AFSM for Soldiers (Title 10 AGR, Title 32 AGR, FTNG, ADSW, and M-Day) supporting immediate relief operations in support of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and for Soldiers in a direct support role for those efforts.
3. Specific criteria:
- a. The HSM is authorized to be awarded to Soldiers supporting immediate relief operations in the areas of Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas (East of 96 degrees west longitude) from 29 August to 13 October 2005.
 - b. The AFSM is authorized to be awarded to Soldiers in direct support of relief operations for 30 consecutive days or 60 non-consecutive days in an area encompassing the United States from 27 August 2005 to 27 February 2006. Excluded from the AFSM are those Soldiers who meet the criteria for the HSM outlined in para 3a, above.
 - c. For the period of 29 August to 13 October 2005 the AFSM is authorized for those Soldiers who were called to active duty, to include State Active Duty, in direct support of relief efforts outside of the areas of Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas who were serving hands-on providing assistance to evacuees, transportation, logistical support, etc, within the Continental United States.

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d. For the period of 14 October 2005 through 27 February 2006, the AFSM is authorized for those Soldiers who were called to active duty, to include State Active Duty, in direct support of relief efforts within the Continental United States who were serving hands-on providing assistance to evacuees, transportation, logistical support, etc.

e. Personnel who are awarded the HSM may later qualify for the AFSM if their direct support does not include the dates and actions used to receive the HSM.

f. Hurricanes Katrina and Rita are categorized as one operation.

4. Commanders in the Grade of Colonel (O-6) and above are authorized to determine individual eligibility. Permanent orders are not, repeat, are not issued to announce approved service medals. Commanders must ensure that military personnel offices are informed for update of personnel qualification records.

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