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

SUBJECT: Army National Guard "College First" Enlistment Option (NGB-ARH Policy Memo # 06-028)

1. Reference. FY06 ARNG Enlistment Criteria Memorandum (ECM) dated 9 Jan 06, Chapter 3, ARNG Enlistment Options/ Programs.
2. The following new enlistment option is effective immediately and will be incorporated into the next change to the ARNG ECM.

Section VIII Army National Guard College First (CF) Enlistment Option.

3-40. Purpose. The CF enlistment option provides Non Prior Service (NPS) applicants the opportunity to serve in the ARNG and complete up to two years of full-time schooling. Applicants that enlist under this option will be stabilized for up to 24 months upon completion of Initial Active Duty Training (IADT).

3-41. Enlistment Options.

- a. Enlist on a 6 X 2 or 8 X 0 enlistment contract and receive a two (2) year stabilization period.
- b. Enlist on either a 3 X 5 or 4 X 4 enlistment contract and receive a one (1) year stabilization period.

3-42. Eligibility. To be eligible for the CF enlistment option, applicants must:

- a. Be a NPS HSDG (or a graduating HSSR) and score a 50 or higher on the ASVAB (Cat I-III A).
- b. Agree to complete IADT straight-ticket (the split training option is not authorized for CF enlistments).
- c. Be accepted at a college or university that is accredited by the U.S. Department of Education and remain a full-time student in good standing for the duration of his or her stabilized period.
- d. Meet all other applicable criteria as stated in the current ARNG ECM.

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3-43. Remarks. The following statements must be entered in the DD Form 1966 series under the remarks section:

a. "I am required to remain in good standing with my ARNG unit and my academic institution as a full-time student or my stabilization status will be repealed and funds are susceptible to recoupment."

b. "I understand I am stabilized from federal mobilization within the limits of the Secretary of the Army mobilization authority, but that it does not preclude me from federal mobilizations directed under Presidential, Secretary of Defense (SECDEF) or Gubernatorial authority."

c. "I understand that I may volunteer for deployment, and that my volunteering will place my performance in the College First program on hold for the duration of the deployment, and that there will be no penalty for volunteering for deployment."

3. Incentives.

a. CF applicants are eligible to receive the NPS enlistment bonus IAW the SRIP Policy being offered at time of enlistment.

b. CF applicants who enlist for at least 6 years (6X2 or 8X0) will receive a \$350 Montgomery G.I. Bill (MGIB) Kicker for their enlistment. Soldiers who enlist for options other than 6X2 or 8X0 are not authorized to receive the MGIB Kicker (IAW Title 10 USC, Chapter 1606).

c. CF enlistees who transition into a commissioning program will not be subject to recoupment provided they serve no less than 1-year of their enlistment for which they were bonused (IAW AR 135-7, paragraph 2-8 (a) 5, b).

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