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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
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SUBJECT: Unused Post-Deployment/Mobilization Respite Absence (PDMRA) for
Reserve and National Guard Personnel

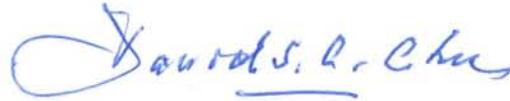
References: (a) Programs to Support Utilization of the Total Force, April 18, 2007
(b) Programs to Support Utilization of the Total Force, May 24, 2007
(c) Utilization of the Total Force, January 19, 2007

Effective immediately, this memorandum supplements guidance set forth in references (a) and (b) and applies to Reserve and National Guard members. These references authorized the Military Departments to establish PDMRA programs and credit Reserve and National Guard members with earned PDMRA days. This memorandum provides guidance that applies only to members who qualified between January 19, 2007, (DoD program announcement in reference (c)) and the day in which the Military Departments published their initial PDMRA implementation instructions, and who were not afforded an opportunity to take their earned PDMRA.

Military Departments may provide for the use of PDMRA accumulated during the period indicated above. Service members who have earned such PDMRA may be placed on administrative absence during their next period of active duty or federal service. PDMRA is not to be utilized on inactive duty training or service under title 32, U.S.C. The total PDMRA accumulated during the inclusive dates mentioned above shall be used during the next period of active duty or federal service, and no such PDMRA balance shall remain.

The Department is pursuing legislative authority through the FY 10 Unified Legislative Budget cycle that would allow the Military Departments to reimburse members who meet the criteria above. Until such statutory authority is obtained, there is no legal authority to provide retroactive cash payments for the period mentioned above.

Military Departments desiring to utilize the aforementioned authority shall notify ODUSD (MPP) and provide the implementation instructions. The point of contact for this policy is Mr. Al Bruner, ODUSD (MPP) OEPM, al.bruner@osd.mil.



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