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MEMORANDUM FOR The Military Personnel Management Officers, Human Resource Officers of All States, Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands and the District of Columbia

SUBJECT: Federal Recognition of Warrant Officer Appointments in the ARNG (ARNG-HRH Policy Memorandum #11-015)

1. References.

- a. Title 10, United States Code, Section 571(b).
- b. Title 10, United States Code, Section 12241(b).
- c. Section 502 of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) of 2011.
- d. National Guard Regulation (NGR) 600-101, Warrant Officers – Federal Recognition and Related Personnel Actions, dated 1 October 1996.

2. Background.

a. Army National Guard warrant officers are initially appointed and also appointed in a higher grade (promoted) by the State or Territory to which that officer is assigned. The Chief, National Guard Bureau reviews and approves those actions pursuant to paragraph 3-9 of reference 1d.

b. References 1a. and 1b., as amended by reference 1c., introduce a requirement that all warrant officer appointments and promotions to chief warrant officer grades in the Army National Guard of the United States (ARNGUS) be made by the POTUS.

3. Purpose. To advise all States and Territories of the modifications to the Federal recognition process for warrant officer appointments necessitated by the change in the statute.

4. Applicability. This policy applies to applications for the Federal recognition of Army National Guard warrant officers' initial appointment or for their appointment in a higher grade (promotion).

5. Policy.

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a. As a result of the enactment of references 1a. and 1b., effective 7 January 2011, all initial appointments of warrant officers and appointments in a higher grade (promotion), by warrant or commission, will be issued by the POTUS. Requests for appointments will be staffed through the Department of the Army, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1. This requirement may add 90 days or more to the process of approval for appointment as a Reserve Warrant Officer of the Army to be completed.

b. Initial appointments of regular commissioned officers to WO1 and CW2 will continue to be processed in accordance with reference 1d., Chapter 2.

c. Promotion memorandum. All requests for Federal recognition of an appointment to a higher grade (promotion) will include a completed recommendation memorandum as shown in the enclosed sample. The text of the memorandum may be changed or adjusted as needed or deemed necessary for each individual action.

6. States are encouraged to continue to submit warrant officer promotion packets in accordance with reference 1d, para 9-10, up to 90 days prior to the Soldier's promotion eligibility date, as long as all other promotion requirements are met.

7. The point of contact for this memorandum is CW5 Judy Groner, Chief, Warrant Officer Policy Branch, at DSN 327-3295, 703-607-3295, or Judy.Groner@us.army.mil.

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