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MEMORANDUM FOR Kansas Army National Guard

SUBJECT: ATAG Policy Letter #2, Annual Training in the Kansas Army National Guard

1. FORSCOM 350-2, Paragraph 6-2, e., requires all units to "Conduct a ten day field training exercise consisting of 24 hour operations." This regulation has been suspended and as such the requirement for field training has been rescinded.

a. All units will conduct a Core or Deployment METL based seventy-two hour Situational Training Exercise (STX) during the Annual Training period. The STX phase will consist of twenty-four hour operations and will be oriented on the execution of the units core or deployment mission. Annual training events will be planned utilizing the phased planning method detailed below. The phased planning guidelines are METT-T dependent. Exceptions may be granted on a case by case basis (IE: MATES Draw and turn-in at the Annual training Site).

(1) *Phase I: Deployment.* All units will allow two days for deployment to annual training.

(2) *Phase II: Execution.* Phase II of annual training will enable Core or Deployment METL in an environment suitable to the unit MTOE. Commanders can conduct individual lane training prior to the seventy-two hour FTX provided multi-echelon training techniques are utilized. Training on unit pacing items will be conducted. Units will include loading for redeployment as a function of Core or Deployment METL training.

(3) *Phase III: Redeployment.* Phase III redeployment will be a reverse of Phase I and will begin when the unit completes a tactical road movement from the field. Sensitive items inventories will be completed prior to redeployment. The maximum time allowed for redeployment will be two days.

(4) *Phase IV: Recovery:* Recovery operations will be conducted at home station. Recovery will focus on equipment accountability, equipment serviceability, and storage of equipment upon the completion of annual training. The balance of annual training time will be focused on recovery operations. In cases where there is an equipment draw at the Annual training site recovery will occur prior to redeployment. Commanders will plan Soldier Support activities as a part of recovery operations.

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b. Field training time will be defined by the unit's Core METL or Deployment METL tasks depending on the units place in the ARFORGEN cycle. For example, units will define field environment, as training in an environment that simulates the appropriate mission of the individual unit.

2. Point of contact for this action is COL Alan Soldan at Com: (785) 274-1101 or DSN: 720-8101.

3. This policy supersedes ATAG Policy Letter #2, Annual Training in the Kansas Army National Guard, dated 02 June 2000.


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