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MEMORANDUM FOR Kansas Army National Guard

SUBJECT: ATAG Policy Letter #9, Deployment Deferment for Previous Active Duty Service Member

1. Effective 1 October 2012 through 30 September 2013, any Active Component, or former Active Component service member who, within the previous two years prior to enlistment in the Kansas Army National Guard (KSARNG), had a deployment in support of an overseas contingency operation may defer deployment from the date they enlist in the KSARNG for two (2) years. It is the burden of the applicant to provide documentation such as a DD Form 214 or Leave and Earnings Statement as evidence that he/she meets the criteria.

2. The Kansas Army National Guard recognizes the high deployment OPTEMPO of the Active Components and the sacrifice of their service members and families in this Overseas Contingency Operation. Many who have decided to separate from the active component still have a desire to serve their country on a limited basis. The Army National Guard is the best place for them to accomplish this.

3. More service members would be willing to join the Army National Guard if they could be guaranteed a deployment deferment until they are established with their civilian employment and their family life is established and stabilized.

4. This policy does not apply to:

a. Other reserve component Soldiers or officers of the Selective Reserve.

b. Service members of an Active Component who have separated with a civilian break in service that exceeds two years.

c. Service members of an Active Component who were TDY in the CENTCOM AOR.

d. Service members of an Active Component who have not deployed for a tour in support of an overseas contingency operation.

e. A state of national emergency requiring full mobilization, declared by Congress as outlined in 10 U.S.C § 12301.

5. This policy does not prevent a Soldier from volunteering to deploy if he/she chooses to do so. Soldiers with a deferment will not be pressured or coerced into deploying.

6. Soldiers who defer will still be considered for military education, MOS qualification courses and EPS fills.

7. Deferments will be approved in writing by the Recruiting and Retention Battalion Commander. Deferments will be acknowledged in writing by the gaining battalion commander or designated representative. A copy of this approval will be provided to the service member, Mobilization Readiness Officer and the original will remain a part of his or her enlistment or appointment packet.

8. This policy expires on 30 September 2013. It will be reviewed in July 2013 to determine if it will be continued. This policy supersedes ATAG Policy Letter #9, Deployment Deferment for Previous Active Duty Service Member, dated 22 September 2011.

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