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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Army Deployment Period Policy

1. References:

a. Memorandum, Secretary of Defense, 19 Jan 07, subject: Utilization of the Total Force.

b. DoD Directive 1200.17 "Managing the Reserve Components as an Operational Force," 29 Oct 08.

2. Army Deployment Period, also known as Boots on the Ground, is the length of time between deployment and redeployment of forces. Beginning 1 January 2012 the Army will begin transitioning to a 9-month deployment period for General Purpose Forces (Division and below) supporting named operations outside the continental United States.

3. This policy is necessary to integrate active and reserve forces at the tactical level within the Army's force generation process, consistent with the Secretary of Defense's policies for Utilization of the Total Force.

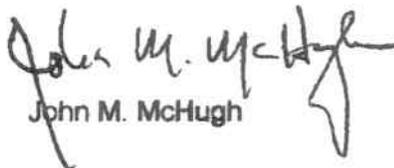
4. The Secretary of Defense requires the Department of the Army to use active and reserve forces as an operationally integrated total force in accordance to references 1a and 1b. Army Commands and Army Service Component Commands will ensure the procedures and processes for validating pre-deployment readiness of assigned forces are uniform for active and reserve units and Soldiers.

5. This policy will not affect personnel or units currently deployed or deploying prior to 1 January 2012. The deployment period for high demand and low density units and individual deployers will remain 1-year. In keeping with established policies, active duty units and Soldiers who deploy prior to January 2012 will maintain one month of dwell for every month deployed. Soldiers deployed for 9-month deployments will not receive environmental morale leave while deployed; however, active and reserve Soldiers may be authorized to take leave prior or after deployment.

6. The Department of the Army will issue an Execution Order in support of this policy and will refine and adjust future deployment period policies based on global security conditions and Combatant Commanders' requirements.

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7. Requests for revisions and exceptions to this policy will be submitted to the Deputy Chief of Staff 3/5/7, for coordination and approval by the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs.

  
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