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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Authorized Special Leave Accrual (SLA) to Support the Gulf Coast Disaster Relief (NGB-ARH Policy Memo 06-040)

1. References:

- a. Title 10, USC, Section 701F (1).
- b. Department of Defense Instructions 1327.6, Leave and Liberty, DTD 22 April 2005.
- c. MILPER Message Number: 06-181.
- d. AR 600-8-10, Leaves and Passes, DTD 15 February 2006.

2. The purpose of this memorandum is to clarify existing policy and procedures for SLA entitlements for Soldiers deployed or assigned to the Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

3. A recent change to the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for fiscal year (FY) 2006 authorizes qualifying Soldiers who physically deployed to the disaster area the ability to retain and accumulate up to 120 days leave through FY08.

4. Effective 29 August 2005, Soldiers performing duties in the disaster relief areas who were prevented from taking leave through the end of FY05 may qualify to retain and accumulate up to 93 days leave (29 August 2005 through 30 September 2005). A Soldier's leave balance must exceed 60-days at the end of FY06 in order to qualify for leave retention. The Major Army Command (MACOM) is the approval authority for Soldiers who meet the criteria.

5. MACOM as it pertains to the Army National Guard is as follows:

- a. For Title 32 Full-time National Guard Duty, both Active Guard/Reserve (AGR) and Operational Support, previously Active Duty Special Work (ADSW), the approval authority is the State Adjutant General or their designated representative.

- b. For Title 10 Active Guard/Reserve (AGR), the approval authority is NGB-ARH.

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c. For Title 10 Active Duty Operational Support (ADOS), previously Extended Active Duty (EAD), for those Soldiers assigned or attached on official orders to a National Guard JFHQ or other unit within the state (Example: Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief Extended Active Duty for Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, and Florida). Approval authority is the State Adjutant General or their designated representative.

6. The approval authority will forward the approved request to the United States Property and Fiscal Office (USP&FO), Military Pay Section. The Military Pay Section will use the Case Management System (CMS) and send the approved request to the following address:

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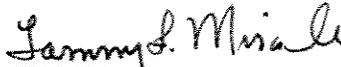
7. This special leave accrual does not pertain to Soldiers on State Active Duty or mobilized Soldiers that assisted in relief effort who were subsequently Released From Active Duty (REFRAD), other than AGR.

8. Special leave accrual can only be requested for those Soldiers on active duty on 30 September 2006 and have accrued in excess of sixty days leave.

9. Qualifying Soldiers must accumulate leave in excess of 60 days before the third FY after the service terminated, if qualifying in FY 2005. SLA accumulated due to Hurricane Katrina will be considered lost on 1 October 2008, if not used.

10. Point of contact for this action is MAJ Chuck Slaney, NGB-ARH-S at 703-607-3295, DSN 327-3295 or by email at charles.slaney@us.army.mil.

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