

ALARACT 163/2007 ANNOUNCEMENT OF POLICY CHANGES TO THE USCENTCOM THEATER REST AND RECUPERATION (R&R) LEAVE PROGRAM , DTG 201953Z JUL 07. Due to recent DOD rotation and mobilization policy changes, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel & Readiness) has approved an extension of chargeable R&R leave days to 18 vice 15 for service members who will be deployed to the OEF or OIF area of operation (AOR) for 15 months. Effective date of this policy is 13 Jul 07. To ensure RC units deploying to USCENTCOM Theater on 12 month or 400 day tours are afforded an opportunity to take a chargeable R&R leave period, the 10% limit imposed on personnel absence may be increased to 12% by the first general/flag officer in the chain of command, subject to operational conditions. This authorization is designed to enable more RC personnel the opportunity to take R&R leave during deployment in the CENTCOM AOR. AC units will remain under the 10% absentee limitation. See the message for more specifics.

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ON BEHALF OF DA WASHINGTON DC//DAPE-HRH//

SUBJECT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF POLICY CHANGES TO THE USCENTCOM THEATER REST AND RECUPERATION (R&R) LEAVE PROGRAM

1. DUE TO RECENT DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ROTATION AND MOBILIZATION POLICY CHANGES, THE OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (PERSONNEL & READINESS) HAS APPROVED AN EXTENSION OF CHARGEABLE R&R LEAVE DAYS TO 18 VICE 15 FOR SERVICE MEMBERS WHO WILL BE DEPLOYED TO THE OEF OR OIF AREA OF OPERATION (AOR) FOR 15 MONTHS. EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS POLICY IS 13 JULY 2007.

2. RESERVE COMPONENT (RC) UNITS THAT DEPLOY FOR SHORTER PERIODS, EVEN WHEN QUALIFIED, OFTEN HAVE REDUCED OPPORTUNITIES TO TAKE CHARGEABLE R&R LEAVE. TO ENSURE RC UNITS DEPLOYING TO USCENTCOM THEATER ON 12 MONTH OR 400 DAY TOURS ARE AFFORDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE A CHARGEABLE R&R LEAVE PERIOD, THE 10% LIMIT IMPOSED ON PERSONNEL ABSENCE MAY BE INCREASED TO 12% BY THE FIRST GENERAL/FLAG OFFICER IN THE CHAIN OF COMMAND, SUBJECT TO OPERATIONAL CONDITIONS. THIS AUTHORIZATION IS DESIGNED TO ENABLE MORE RC PERSONNEL THE

OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE R&R LEAVE DURING DEPLOYMENT IN THE CENTCOM AOR. AC UNITS WILL REMAIN UNDER THE 10% ABSENTEE LIMITATION.

3. MILITARY AND DOD CIVILIANS DEPLOYED TO THE USCENTCOM AOR ON 12 MONTH DEPLOYMENTS WITH MINIMUM 270 DAYS BOOTS ON GROUND (BOG) CONTINUE TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR 15 DAYS CHARGEABLE R&R LEAVE AT THE COMMANDER S DISCRETION. WHEN DOD CIVILIANS MEET THE CRITERIA OF BEING DEPLOYED FOR 15 MONTHS IN THE CENTCOM AOR, THEY ARE ALSO ELIGIBLE FOR THE EXTENDED 18 DAYS LEAVE.

4. DESIGNATION OF THE 15 OR 18-DAY CHARGEABLE R&R LEAVE PERIOD IS DETERMINED BY THE SERVICE MEMBER'S ORDER AND PERIOD OF EXPECTED DEPLOYMENT AS APPROVED BY THE UNIT COMMANDER.

5. APPROVAL OF THE 18 DAY CHARGEABLE R&R LEAVE PERIOD WILL NOT BE RETROACTIVE. INDIVIDUALS ON R&R LEAVE WHO DEPARTED THE AOR PRIOR TO 13 JUL 07 WILL NOT BE APPROVED FOR EXTENSION TO 18 CHARGEABLE R&R LEAVE DAYS. THE 18 DAY CHARGEABLE R&R LEAVE MUST BE COMPLETED IN ONE 18 DAY BLOCK PERIOD. SOLDIERS EXTENDING BEYOND THE APPROVED CHARGEABLE R&R LEAVE PERIOD MUST BE CHANGED FROM R&R LEAVE TO ANOTHER DUTY STATUS.

6. WIDEST DISSEMINATION OF THIS MESSAGE AND PARTICIPATION THROUGHOUT THE ARMY IS ENCOURAGED. THE HQDA POC IS LTC FRAZLIER L. POPE II AT (703) 696-5134; DSN (312) 426-5134, OR E-MAIL FRAZLIER.POPE@HQDA.ARMY.MIL.

7. THIS MESSAGE EXPIRES WHEN SUPERSEDED BY APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY OR UPON TERMINATION OF THE USCENTCOM R&R LEAVE PROGRAM.

8. EXPIRATION CANNOT BE DETERMINED.

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