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Regarding the newly published NGR 600-200 (Enlisted Personnel Management), which does not contain reenlistment and/or extensions policy.

Background:

1. Department of Army (DA) sponsors a management philosophy to, whenever possible; combine the personnel management policies of the Active Army, U.S. Army Reserve (USAR), and the Army National Guard (ARNG) into a common set of regulations.
2. In 2007, DA initiated the upgrade of AR 601-280 (Army Retention Program), which is slated to contain the retention policies of all components under one cover. This document will be a massive publication; embodying 34 chapters. The ARNG reenlistment/extension program, as contained in Chapter 7 of the then in force 1998 version of NGR 600-200, will be a distinct chapter in that document. ARNG supported this initiative, and many States provided input during the drafting and coordination phases. In 2007, the fielding of AR 601-280 was projected to be in the fall of 2008. As of today, however, this regulation continues to be undergoing the staffing and coordination process within the Army G1 Directorate.
3. Also during the above time frame, the 1989 version of NGR 600-200 was slated for upgrade/revision. During the rewrite process, reenlistment/extension policy information (old Chapter 7) was removed and transferred to be included in AR 601-280. As a result, the final product of the recently fielded NGR 600-200 was released without containing any guidance regarding reenlistment and extensions policy.

Intervening Solution:

1. States will continue to utilize the policy contained in chapter 7 of the 1998 version of NGR 600-200, and all policy changes incorporated including the recent NGB policy #09-008, until interim policy guidance is published.
2. We are in the process compiling the NGB Interim Policy on Reenlistment/Extensions, which will bridge the gap until the new AR 601-280 takes effect; we expect to have this interim policy fielded by early next week.

NEW Interim Policy:

The new interim policy incorporates the original NGR 600-200, Chapter 7, dated 1997 with all revised changes through 2009. The policy was revised to reflect new references, forms and system changes.

Questions or concerns may be directed to the POC listed below.

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