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MEMORANDUM FOR All G3's of States, Territories, and the District of Columbia

SUBJECT: FY20 Military Reserve Exchange Program (MREP) Authorization

1. Reference:

- a. Memorandum of Understanding, Between the Federal Republic of Germany and the United States of America, 3 Mar 84, subject: The exchange of Reserve Officers
- b. Memorandum of Understanding, Between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and the United States of America, 11 Sep 89, subject: The exchange of Reserve Officers
- c. Memorandum of Agreement, Between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Denmark, 11 Dec 12, subject: The Military Reserve Exchange Program
- d. Memorandum of Agreement, Between the Republic of Estonia and the United States of America, 10 Feb 15, subject: The Military Reserve Exchange Program
- e. Memorandum of Agreement, NATO, 14 Oct 09, subject: Status of Forces
- f. Memorandum, Army National Guard (ARNG) G3, 24 Sep 18, subject: Delegation of Title 10 Authority for Outside the Continental United States (OCONUS) Travel
- g. DoD Instruction 1215.15, 13 Oct 16, subject: Military Reserve Exchange Program (MREP)
- h. DoD Directive 5230.20, 22 Jun 05, subject: Visits and Assignments of Foreign Nationals

2. Purpose. To identify highly qualified Soldiers interested in participating in the FY20 Military Reserve Exchange Program (MREP). To serve as notification to the States/Territories of the expected FY20 MREP opportunities.

3. Background. MREP is a reciprocal exchange program which provides Guard and Reserve members, officer and enlisted alike, the opportunity to train with select foreign allied nations. The States/Territories selected to participate in the program will host a foreign reserve exchange Soldier in return. Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) between the US and participating countries govern the program. The Office of the

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Assistant Secretary of Defense, Reserve Affairs (OASD-RA) provides program policy and oversight. The purpose of the exchange is to:

- a. Provide participants with training opportunities that broaden their professional development and increase their knowledge of other US and Foreign Reserve Forces.
- b. Enhance participants' ability to mobilize and deploy OCONUS.
- c. Foster international cooperation and nurture enduring relationships.
- d. Demonstrate continued support to NATO members and their militaries.
- e. Provide host units the opportunity to display readiness to Reservists of other nations and learn from visiting foreign participants.

4. The Army National Guard (ARNG) is funding the FY20 Military Reserve Exchange Program (MREP). All exchanges are scheduled to take place between May and September 2020. All MREP travel must end NLT 30SEP20.

- a. Target for the exchange is ARNG Officers (O1-O4), Warrant Officers (CW1-CW3) and Non Commissioned Officers (E5-E7). Program is open for all Soldiers. Preference will be given to traditional M-Day Soldiers

- b. Soldiers will perform a 15 day training period with the reserve forces from the German Army, United Kingdom Territorial Army (UKTA), the Danish Home Guard, or the Estonian Army. Additional countries may be approved this year. Any new opportunities will be selected from the existing MREP application pool or coordinated directly with States/Territories.

- c. The exchange is reciprocal. States/Territories must agree at the time of application to host a foreign reserve Soldier during their Annual Training (AT). The Soldier coming to your State/Territory will train in their primary MOS.

- d. Soldiers will conduct AT with their U.S. home unit, and a second AT with one of the partner countries participating in the MREP.

5. MREP application packet. The Commander's signature on the DD FORM 3006, obligates the State/Territory to the following:

- a. All applicants must submit a fully completed DD FORM 3006. The application packet requirements can be found at FY20 MREP GKO site.

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b. DD FORM 3006, block 31 "Commander's signature recommending participation in the exchange program and certifying the member is worldwide deployable, is not on a medical profile, and successfully passed service specific Fitness Assessment. The Unit Commander is also validating that he/she may serve as the U.S. host unit, when applicable, for a British, Danish, Estonian, German, or other partner nation participant during the unit's Annual Training. The U.S. host unit is responsible for local transportation, lodging, mess, and training for the foreign participant as indicated in the appropriate partner nation memorandum of understanding." This block must be completed by the Soldier's company commander.

c. States/Territories are required to provide lodging, food, and transportation during the training period for the foreign Soldier.

d. The life support requirement is a State/Territory responsibility. ARNG will not fund life support for the visiting foreign Soldiers. The reciprocal foundation of this program is based on units adopting foreign Soldiers and taking care of them like their own.

6. FY20 MREP Timeline.

- a. 10OCT19-15JAN20: Application period
- b. 01FEB20: Applicant selection
- c. 15FEB20: Notification to State/Territory
- d. 13-15MAR20: MREP NATO 101 Workshop
- e. MAY-SEP20: Military Exchange
- f. SEP20: After Action Review (AAR)

7. Authority. Office of Security of Defense (OSD), The Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness administers the MREP program. The Director of Army National Guard (DARNG) approves and programs resources to administer the ARNG MREP program.

8. Funding. States/Territories will receive funding for MREP IAW G8 guidance and subject to funds availability.

a. The target timing for the distribution is the 2rd quarter Funding Authorization Document (FAD).

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a. States must be willing to "float" 2060 funds to execute this program if the FAD is delayed.

b. The MDEP for MREP Funding is TRCD, SAG: 1G.

b. 2060 Funding for US MREP Participants includes:

a. NATO 101 Conference

b. P&A

c. Travel

d. Per Diem (partial)

9. Additional information:

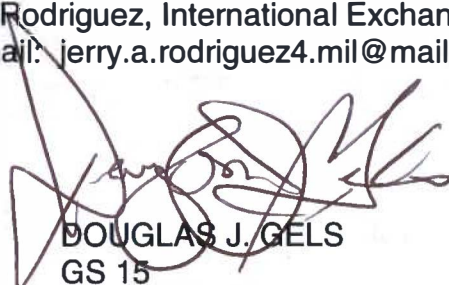
a. ARNG-ODY GKO:

<https://gko.portal.ng.mil/arng/G3/D03/B05/Interprog/SitePages/Home.aspx>

b. OASD-RA Web Site: <http://www.people.mil/Inside-M-RA/Reserve-Integration/Military-Reserve-Exchange-Program/>.

10. The point of contact is MAJ Jerry A. Rodriguez, International Exchanges Coordinator, at 703-607-3433, DSN 327-3433, or email: jerry.a.rodriguez4.mil@mail.mil.

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FY20 MREP Letter of Instruction



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