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Title BONUS EXTENSION AND RETRAINING (BEAR) PROGRAM

...Issued: [07 May 10]...

A. MILPER MSG 09-241, AHRC-EPF-R, 16 OCTOBER 2009, BONUS EXTENSION AND RETRAINING (BEAR) PROGRAM IS RESCINDED ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS MESSAGE.

B. AR 601-280, CHAPTER 5 AND 6.

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2. THIS MILPER MESSAGE ANNOUNCES MOS ELIGIBLE FOR THE REGULAR ARMY ACTIVE COMPONENT BEAR PROGRAM. THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS MESSAGE IS 13 MAY 2010.
3. THIS MSG WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF ALL COMMANDERS, REENLISTMENT OFFICES, AND FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING OFFICES.
4. ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE FOR DFAS AND COMMANDERS: TO AVOID FUTURE CLAIMS OF ERRONEOUS OR UNFULFILLED COMMITMENTS, REQUEST COMMANDERS ENSURE FAOS AND RETENTION PERSONNEL ARE ADVISED OF THE CONTENTS IN THIS MESSAGE.
5. THE FOLLOWING MOSs ARE IN THE BEAR PROGRAM ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS MESSAGE.

| PMOS/TITLE | RANK RESTRICTIONS | SL1 | SGT | SSG | SFC |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 09L INTERPRETOR/TRANSLATOR | SGT THRU SSG | 0 | 4 | 10 | 0 |
| 15E UNMANNED AIRCRAFT REP | PFC THRU SPC NON(P) | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 15J OH-58D SYSTEMS REPAIRER | PFC THRU SPC | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 15W UAV OPERATOR | PFC THRU SPC | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 18B SF WEAPONS SERGEANT | SPC THRU SFC | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| 18C SF ENGINEER SERGEANT | SPC THRU SFC | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |

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|---|---------------------------------------|----|----|----|---|
| 18D SF MED SERGEANT | SPC THRU SFC | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| 18E SF COMMO SERGEANT | SPC THRU SFC | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| 18F SF ASST OP/INTEL SGT | SFC ONLY | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| 21D DIVER | SPC NON(P) ONLY | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 21P PRIME POWER PRODUCTION | SPC THRU SGT NON(P) | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| 21Y GEOSPATIAL ENGINEER | PFC THRU SPC NON(P) | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 25E ELECTROMAGNETIC SPEC MNGR | SSG NON(P) ONLY | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| 25L CABLE INSTALL/MAINT (ASI J2 ONLY) | PFC THRU SSG (PMOS 25L ONLY) | 7 | 7 | 7 | 0 |
| 25S SATCOM SYS OP-MNT | PFC THRU SPC NON(P) | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 31E INTERN RESETTLEMENT SPEC | PFC THRU SPC NON(P) | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 35L COUNTERINTELLIGENCE AGENT | SPC THRU SSG | 5 | 5 | 8 | 0 |
| 35N SIGINT ANALYST | SPC NON(P) ONLY | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 35P CRYPTO LINGUIST with AD/CM/JN/PF/PU/RU | PFC THRU SSG | 10 | 10 | 6 | 0 |
| 37F PSYOP SPECIALIST | SGT THRU SSG | 0 | 6 | 5 | 0 |
| 38B CIVIL AFFAIRS SPC | SSG ONLY | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 |
| 46Q PUBLIC AFFAIRS SPECIALIST | SGT THRU SSG | 0 | 6 | 6 | 0 |
| 46R BROADCAST JOURNAL | SGT NON(P) | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| 68W HEALTH CARE SP (SQI "F" ONLY) ALL GENERAL SUP AVN LOCATIONS | SGT NON(P) ONLY (PMOS 68W ONLY) | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| 68W HEALTH CARE SP (ASI "W1" ONLY) SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND | PFC THRU SSG (PMOS 68W w/"P" ONLY) | 6 | 7 | 7 | 0 |
| 89D EOD SPC | PFC THRU SGT(LESS THAN 2Y TIG) NON(P) | 10 | 7 | 0 | 0 |

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| ADDITIONAL OBLIGATED SERVICE IS | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| TIER LEVEL | RANK | 12 TO 23 MONTHS | 24 TO 35 MONTHS | 36 TO 47 MONTHS | 48 TO 59 MONTHS | 60 OR MORE MONTHS |
| TIER 1 | PFC | \$1,300 | \$1,900 | \$2,600 | \$3,300 | \$3,900 |
| | SPC | \$1,400 | \$2,100 | \$2,900 | \$3,600 | \$4,300 |
| | SGT | \$1,500 | \$2,300 | \$3,200 | \$3,900 | \$4,700 |
| | SSG/SFC | \$1,700 | \$2,600 | \$3,500 | \$4,400 | \$5,300 |
| TIER 2 | PFC | \$1,600 | \$2,400 | \$3,300 | \$4,100 | \$4,900 |
| | SPC | \$1,700 | \$2,700 | \$3,600 | \$4,500 | \$5,400 |
| | SGT | \$1,900 | \$2,900 | \$4,000 | \$4,900 | \$5,900 |
| | SSG/SFC | \$2,200 | \$3,300 | \$4,400 | \$5,500 | \$6,700 |

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|---|---------------------------------------|----|----|----|---|
| 18D SF MED SERGEANT | SPC THRU SFC | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
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| 18F SF ASST OP/INTEL SGT | SFC ONLY | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| 21D DIVER | SPC NON(P) ONLY | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 21P PRIME POWER PRODUCTION | SPC THRU SGT NON(P) | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| 21Y GEOSPATIAL ENGINEER | PFC THRU SPC NON(P) | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 25E ELECTROMAGNETIC SPEC MNGR | SSG NON(P) ONLY | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| 25L CABLE INSTALL/MAINT (ASI J2 ONLY) | PFC THRU SSG (PMOS 25L ONLY) | 7 | 7 | 7 | 0 |
| 25S SATCOM SYS OP-MNT | PFC THRU SPC NON(P) | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 31E INTERN RESETTLEMENT SPEC | PFC THRU SPC NON(P) | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 35L COUNTERINTELLIGENCE AGENT | SPC THRU SSG | 5 | 5 | 8 | 0 |
| 35N SIGINT ANALYST | SPC NON(P) ONLY | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 35P CRYPTO LINGUIST with AD/CM/JN/PF/PU/RU | PFC THRU SSG | 10 | 10 | 6 | 0 |
| 37F PSYOP SPECIALIST | SGT THRU SSG | 0 | 6 | 5 | 0 |
| 38B CIVIL AFFAIRS SPC | SSG ONLY | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 |
| 46Q PUBLIC AFFAIRS SPECIALIST | SGT THRU SSG | 0 | 6 | 6 | 0 |
| 46R BROADCAST JOURNAL | SGT NON(P) | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| 68W HEALTH CARE SP (SQI "F" ONLY) ALL GENERAL SUP AVN LOCATIONS | SGT NON(P) ONLY (PMOS 68W ONLY) | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
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| 89D EOD SPC | PFC THRU SGT(LESS THAN 2Y TIG) NON(P) | 10 | 7 | 0 | 0 |

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| | SPC | \$1,400 | \$2,100 | \$2,900 | \$3,600 | \$4,300 |
| | SGT | \$1,500 | \$2,300 | \$3,200 | \$3,900 | \$4,700 |
| | SSG/SFC | \$1,700 | \$2,600 | \$3,500 | \$4,400 | \$5,300 |
| TIER 2 | PFC | \$1,600 | \$2,400 | \$3,300 | \$4,100 | \$4,900 |
| | SPC | \$1,700 | \$2,700 | \$3,600 | \$4,500 | \$5,400 |
| | SGT | \$1,900 | \$2,900 | \$4,000 | \$4,900 | \$5,900 |
| | SSG/SFC | \$2,200 | \$3,300 | \$4,400 | \$5,500 | \$6,700 |

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|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| TIER 3 | PFC | \$2,000 | \$3,100 | \$4,100 | \$5,100 | \$6,200 |
| | SPC | \$2,200 | \$3,300 | \$4,500 | \$5,600 | \$6,700 |
| | SGT | \$2,400 | \$3,700 | \$5,000 | \$6,200 | \$7,400 |
| | SSG/SFC | \$2,700 | \$4,100 | \$5,600 | \$6,900 | \$8,300 |
| TIER 4 | PFC | \$2,500 | \$3,900 | \$5,200 | \$6,400 | \$7,800 |
| | SPC | \$2,800 | \$4,200 | \$5,600 | \$7,000 | \$8,400 |
| | SGT | \$3,000 | \$4,600 | \$6,200 | \$7,700 | \$9,300 |
| | SSG/SFC | \$3,400 | \$5,200 | \$7,000 | \$8,700 | \$10,400 |
| TIER 5 | PFC | \$3,200 | \$4,800 | \$6,500 | \$8,000 | \$9,700 |
| | SPC | \$3,500 | \$5,300 | \$7,100 | \$8,800 | \$10,600 |
| | SGT | \$3,800 | \$5,800 | \$7,800 | \$9,700 | \$11,600 |
| | SSG/SFC | \$4,300 | \$6,500 | \$8,700 | \$10,800 | \$13,100 |
| TIER 6 | PFC | \$4,000 | \$6,000 | \$8,100 | \$10,100 | \$12,100 |
| | SPC | \$4,300 | \$6,600 | \$8,800 | \$11,000 | \$13,200 |
| | SGT | \$4,800 | \$7,300 | \$9,700 | \$12,100 | \$14,600 |
| | SSG/SFC | \$5,400 | \$8,100 | \$10,900 | \$13,500 | \$16,300 |
| TIER 7 | PFC | \$5,000 | \$7,600 | \$10,200 | \$12,600 | \$15,200 |
| | SPC | \$5,400 | \$8,200 | \$11,100 | \$13,700 | \$16,500 |
| | SGT | \$6,000 | \$9,100 | \$12,200 | \$15,100 | \$18,200 |
| | SSG/SFC | \$6,700 | \$10,200 | \$13,700 | \$16,900 | \$20,400 |
| TIER 8 | PFC | \$6,200 | \$9,500 | \$12,700 | \$15,800 | \$19,000 |
| | SPC | \$6,800 | \$10,300 | \$13,800 | \$17,200 | \$20,700 |
| | SGT | \$7,500 | \$11,400 | \$15,200 | \$18,900 | \$22,800 |
| | SSG/SFC | \$8,400 | \$12,800 | \$17,100 | \$21,200 | \$25,600 |
| | PFC | \$7,800 | \$11,900 | \$15,900 | \$19,700 | \$23,800 |
| | SPC | \$8,500 | \$12,900 | \$17,300 | \$21,500 | \$25,900 |
| TIER 9 | SGT | \$9,400 | \$14,200 | \$19,100 | \$23,600 | \$28,500 |
| | SSG/SFC | \$10,500 | \$16,000 | \$21,400 | \$26,500 | \$32,000 |
| | PFC | \$9,800 | \$14,800 | \$19,900 | \$24,700 | \$29,700 |
| | SPC | \$10,600 | \$16,200 | \$21,700 | \$26,800 | \$32,400 |
| TIER 10 | SGT | \$11,700 | \$17,800 | \$23,900 | \$29,600 | \$35,600 |
| | SSG/SFC | \$13,200 | \$20,000 | \$26,800 | \$33,200 | \$40,000 |

7. SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

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|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| TIER 3 | PFC | \$2,000 | \$3,100 | \$4,100 | \$5,100 | \$6,200 |
| | SPC | \$2,200 | \$3,300 | \$4,500 | \$5,600 | \$6,700 |
| | SGT | \$2,400 | \$3,700 | \$5,000 | \$6,200 | \$7,400 |
| | SSG/SFC | \$2,700 | \$4,100 | \$5,600 | \$6,900 | \$8,300 |
| TIER 4 | PFC | \$2,500 | \$3,900 | \$5,200 | \$6,400 | \$7,800 |
| | SPC | \$2,800 | \$4,200 | \$5,600 | \$7,000 | \$8,400 |
| | SGT | \$3,000 | \$4,600 | \$6,200 | \$7,700 | \$9,300 |
| | SSG/SFC | \$3,400 | \$5,200 | \$7,000 | \$8,700 | \$10,400 |
| TIER 5 | PFC | \$3,200 | \$4,800 | \$6,500 | \$8,000 | \$9,700 |
| | SPC | \$3,500 | \$5,300 | \$7,100 | \$8,800 | \$10,600 |
| | SGT | \$3,800 | \$5,800 | \$7,800 | \$9,700 | \$11,600 |
| | SSG/SFC | \$4,300 | \$6,500 | \$8,700 | \$10,800 | \$13,100 |
| TIER 6 | PFC | \$4,000 | \$6,000 | \$8,100 | \$10,100 | \$12,100 |
| | SPC | \$4,300 | \$6,600 | \$8,800 | \$11,000 | \$13,200 |
| | SGT | \$4,800 | \$7,300 | \$9,700 | \$12,100 | \$14,600 |
| | SSG/SFC | \$5,400 | \$8,100 | \$10,900 | \$13,500 | \$16,300 |
| TIER 7 | PFC | \$5,000 | \$7,600 | \$10,200 | \$12,600 | \$15,200 |
| | SPC | \$5,400 | \$8,200 | \$11,100 | \$13,700 | \$16,500 |
| | SGT | \$6,000 | \$9,100 | \$12,200 | \$15,100 | \$18,200 |
| | SSG/SFC | \$6,700 | \$10,200 | \$13,700 | \$16,900 | \$20,400 |
| TIER 8 | PFC | \$6,200 | \$9,500 | \$12,700 | \$15,800 | \$19,000 |
| | SPC | \$6,800 | \$10,300 | \$13,800 | \$17,200 | \$20,700 |
| | SGT | \$7,500 | \$11,400 | \$15,200 | \$18,900 | \$22,800 |
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| | SPC | \$8,500 | \$12,900 | \$17,300 | \$21,500 | \$25,900 |
| | SGT | \$9,400 | \$14,200 | \$19,100 | \$23,600 | \$28,500 |
| | SSG/SFC | \$10,500 | \$16,000 | \$21,400 | \$26,500 | \$32,000 |
| TIER 10 | PFC | \$9,800 | \$14,800 | \$19,900 | \$24,700 | \$29,700 |
| | SPC | \$10,600 | \$16,200 | \$21,700 | \$26,800 | \$32,400 |
| | SGT | \$11,700 | \$17,800 | \$23,900 | \$29,600 | \$35,600 |
| | SSG/SFC | \$13,200 | \$20,000 | \$26,800 | \$33,200 | \$40,000 |

7. SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

A. SOLDIERS MUST HAVE COMPLETED AT LEAST 17 MONTHS OF CONTINUOUS ACTIVE DUTY (OTHER THAN ACTIVE DUTY FOR TRAINING AS A RESERVIST) BEFORE REACHING ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE AN SRB. COMPLETION OF THE 17 MONTHS OF CONTINUOUS ACTIVE DUTY NEED NOT OCCUR IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE DATE OF REENLISTMENT. ZONE A INCLUDES SOLDIERS WHO HAVE BETWEEN 17 MONTHS AND 6 YEARS OF SERVICE AT TIME OF REENLISTMENT. ZONE B INCLUDES SOLDIERS WHO HAVE BETWEEN 6 AND 10 YEARS OF SERVICE AT TIME OF REENLISTMENT. ZONE C INCLUDES SOLDIERS WHO HAVE BETWEEN 10 AND 14 YEARS OF SERVICE AT TIME OF REENLISTMENT. MOS' LISTED WITH A NUMERIC TIERED LEVEL ARE ZONE IMMATERIAL: HOWEVER SOLDIERS ARE ONLY ENTITLED TO RECEIVE ONE BONUS PER ZONE.

B. SOLDIERS IN THE RANK OF PFC THRU SSG MUST SHOW N/N OR N/Y AT THEIR CURRENT RANK AND PMOS AS SHOWN IN THE CURRENT IN/OUT CALL MILPER MESSAGE. AS AN EXCEPTION, SOLDIERS IN THE RANK OF SFC MAY REQUEST ENTRY INTO CMF 18. SOLDIERS MAY REQUEST ENTRY INTO THE BEAR PROGRAM IN CMF 18, MOS 21P, 35L, 37F, 38B, AND 89D, REGARDLESS OF THE IN/OUT CALLS FOR CURRENT PMOS.

C. SOLDIERS SERVING IN THE BEAR PROGRAM MAY HAVE UP TO 24 MONTHS OF PREVIOUSLY OBLIGATED, EXTENDED SERVICE FORGIVEN PROVIDED THEY REENLIST FOR THE REGULAR ARMY REENLISTMENT OPTION WITHIN 90 DAYS AFTER GRADUATION.

D. SOLDIERS WILL NOT FORFEIT ANY PORTION OF AN SRB WHEN THEY ARE RECLASSIFIED WITHIN THE SAME CMF, INTO CMF 18, OR OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY HRC.

E. UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF TRAINING, SOLDIERS PARTICIPATING IN THE BEAR PROGRAM AND ENTITLED TO AN SRB WILL BE PAID EITHER THE BONUS AMOUNT IN EFFECT AT TIME OF EXTENSION IN THE BEAR PROGRAM OR THE BONUS AMOUNT LISTED IN THE SRB ENHANCED PROGRAM ON DATE OF REENLISTMENT, WHICHEVER IS HIGHER.

F. A MINIMUM REENLISTMENT TERM OF THREE YEARS IS STILL A REQUIREMENT FOR SRB ENTITLEMENT. A TWO-YEAR REENLISTMENT TERM DOES NOT ENTITLE A SOLDIER TO AN SRB.

G. ADDITIONAL CRITERIA FOR ENTRY INTO THE BEAR PROGRAM CAN BE FOUND IN CHAPTER 6, AR 601-280.

8. SOLDIERS WITH QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO BONUSES AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS ADDRESSED IN THIS MESSAGE SHOULD CONTACT THEIR APPROPRIATE UNIT CAREER COUNSELOR. UNIT CAREER COUNSELORS WITH QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS MESSAGE SHOULD CONTACT THEIR APPROPRIATE ACOM RETENTION OFFICE FOR CLARIFICATION.

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