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SUBJ: ALARACT 089/2009 STOP LOSS SPECIAL PAY
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THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN SENT BY THE PENTAGON TELECOMMUNICATIONS CENTER
ON BEHALF OF DA WASHINGTON DC//DAPE-MPE//

SUBJECT: STOP LOSS SPECIAL PAY

REF: PUBLIC LAW 110-329; SEPT. 30, 2008; CONSOLIDATED SECURITY,
DISASTER ASSISTANCE, AND CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2009.

1. STOP LOSS SPECIAL PAY IS FOR MILITARY MEMBERS WHOSE ESTABLISHED DATE OF SEPARATION OR APPROVED VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT IS SUSPENDED BY AUTHORITY OF EITHER SECTION 123 OR SECTION 12305, TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE (WHEN INVOKED THIS AUTHORITY IS COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS STOP LOSS) .
2. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO ANNOUNCE ARMY POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF STOP LOSS SPECIAL PAY.
3. EFFECTIVE MARCH 2009, SOLDIERS, INCLUDING RESERVE COMPONENT SOLDIERS, SERVING ON ACTIVE DUTY AT ANY TIME DURING FISCAL YEAR 2009 WHILE THE MEMBER'S ENLISTMENT OR PERIOD OF OBLIGATED SERVICE IS INVOLUNTARILY EXTENDED, OR WHOSE ELIGIBILITY FOR VOLUNTARY SEPARATION OR RETIREMENT IS SUSPENDED, PURSUANT TO EITHER SECTION 123 OR SECTION 12305 OF TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, OR ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW (COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS "STOP LOSS" AUTHORITY) WILL BE PAID \$500.00 FOR EACH MONTH OR PORTION OF A MONTH RETAINED ON ACTIVE DUTY PAST:
 - A. CONTRACTUAL EXPIRATION OF TERM OF SERVICE (ETS) OR, IN THE CASE OF THE RESERVE COMPONENT, A CONTRACTUAL EXPIRATION OF TERM OF SERVICE IN THE SELRES.
 - B. AN APPROVED SEPARATION DATE BASED ON AN UNQUALIFIED RESIGNATION OR RELEASE FROM ACTIVE DUTY (REFRAD) OR, IN THE CASE OF THE RESERVE COMPONENT, AN APPROVED REQUEST FOR TRANSFER TO THE INDIVIDUAL READY RESERVE (IRR) (PROVIDED THE SOLDIER HAS COMPLETED THE CONTRACTUAL EXPIRATION OF TERM OF SERVICE IN THE SELRES).
 - C. APPROVED RETIREMENT BASED ON LENGTH OF SERVICE.
4. APPLICATION OF ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR OFFICERS AND CAREER ENLISTED SOLDIERS WILL BE ADDRESSED IN A SEPARATE MESSAGE.
5. STOP LOSS SPECIAL PAY WILL BE PAID MONTHLY UNTIL RELEASE FROM ACTIVE DUTY (REFRAD), RETIREMENT, OR SEPARATION; OR THE MONTH IN WHICH THE SOLDIER REENLISTS, EXTENDS, OR EXECUTES AN APPROVED VOLUNTARY ELECTION OF CONTINUED SERVICE; WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST. PAYMENTS WILL BE RETROACTIVE TO 1 OCTOBER 2008.
6. RESERVE COMPONENT SOLDIERS RETAINED UNDER STOP LOSS WILL ONLY ACCRUE STOP LOSS SPECIAL PAY WHILE SERVING ON ACTIVE DUTY IN THEIR STOP LOSS PERIOD UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF 10 USC 12301(B), 12301(D), 12301(G), 12301(H), 10147, 12302, 12310, 12402 OR FULL TIME NATIONAL

GUARD DUTY IN AN ACTIVE GUARD/RESERVE STATUS UNDER PROVISIONS OF TITLE 32, U.S.C., AND SECTION 502(F).

7. STOP LOSS SPECIAL PAY EARNED WHILE IN A COMBAT ZONE TAX EXCLUSION (CZTE) AREA IS TAX-FREE FOR ALL SOLDIERS, SUBJECT TO THE STATUTORY CAP FOR OFFICERS AT THE RATE OF THE MONTHLY COMPENSATION FOR THE SENIOR ENLISTED MEMBER IN EACH SERVICE PLUS HOSTILE FIRE PAY (CURRENT CAP IS \$7,368.10 PER MONTH).

8. UPON IMPLEMENTATION STOP LOSS SPECIAL PAY WILL BE PAID MONTHLY AND ENTERED AT THE TOP OF THE SYSTEM. HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY (HQDA) WILL IDENTIFY ACTIVE COMPONENT SOLDIERS ELIGIBLE FOR STOP LOSS SPECIAL PAY EACH MONTH AND SUBMIT TO THE DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE (DFAS), INDIANAPOLIS. THE UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE (USAR) G-1 AND ARMY NATIONAL GUARD (ARNG) G-1 WILL IDENTIFY RESERVE COMPONENT SOLDIERS ELIGIBLE FOR STOP LOSS SPECIAL PAY EACH MONTH AND SUBMIT TO DFAS, INDIANAPOLIS. SOLDIERS WILL RECEIVE PAYMENT IN THEIR END-OF-MONTH (EOM) PAY. INITIAL PAYMENTS WILL BE MADE IN EOM MARCH PAY (1 APR 09) FOR SOLDIERS STOP LOSSED IN MARCH 2009. RETROACTIVE PAYMENTS WILL BE MADE IN EOM APRIL PAY (1 MAY 09) FOR SOLDIERS STOP LOSSED BETWEEN 1 OCT 08 AND 28 FEB 09 (INCLUDING SOLDIERS CURRENTLY STOP LOSSED).

A. COMPONENTS WILL SUBMIT TO DFAS, INDIANAPOLIS NLT THE 17TH OF EACH MONTH AN EXCEL SPREADSHEET FORMATTED AS TEXT CONTAINING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: SOLDIER'S FULL LAST NAME, FULL FIRST NAME, FULL SSN (NO DASHES OR SPACES), AND EFFECTIVE PAYMENT MONTH/ DATE SOLDIER WAS ELIGIBLE FOR STOP LOSS SPECIAL PAY (ETS/RETIREMENT/SEPARATION DATE + 1 DAY) IN YY/MM/DD FORMAT (NO SLASHES).

B. FOR SOLDIERS WHO WERE PREVIOUSLY STOP LOSSED AT ANY TIME BETWEEN 1 OCTOBER 2008 AND 28 FEBRUARY 2009 AND ARE ELIGIBLE FOR RETROACTIVE STOP LOSS SPECIAL PAY, HQDA WILL IDENTIFY ELIGIBLE ACTIVE COMPONENT SOLDIERS AND THE USAR G-1 AND ARNG G-1 WILL IDENTIFY ELIGIBLE RESERVE COMPONENT SOLDIERS AND SUBMIT DIRECTLY TO DFAS, INDIANAPOLIS, TO INCLUDE SOLDIERS WHO HAVE SEPARATED FROM SERVICE.

9. UNIT COMMANDERS MUST EXERCISE DUE DILIGENCE IN ENSURING THAT ALL PERSONNEL TRANSACTIONS ARE UPDATED EXPEDITIOUSLY IN ALL RELEVANT DATA SYSTEMS (E.G., EMILPO; RETAIN; RLAS (MANDATORY FOR ALL USAR PERSONNEL)) TO ENSURE ACCURACY OF PAYMENTS.

A. SOLDIERS SHOULD ADDRESS ALL ISSUES AND CONCERNS TO THEIR CHAIN-OF-COMMAND. COMMANDERS AND THEIR DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES WHO HAVE QUESTIONS SHOULD CONTACT THEIR INDIVIDUAL COMPONENT "STOP LOSS" POC LISTED BELOW FOR ASSISTANCE. INQUIRIES RELATED TO INDIVIDUAL SOLDIERS SHOULD INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: NAME (LAST, FIRST, MI); LAST 4 OF SSN; GRADE; UNIT; STATE (FOR ARNG ONLY); MOB DATE (FOR USAR AND ARNG ONLY); DEPLOYMENT DATES; ETS DATE; AND CONTACT PHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL ADDRESS.

B. SOLDIERS WHO WERE SEPARATED FROM SERVICE ON 1 OCTOBER 2008 OR LATER AND WISH TO INQUIRE ABOUT ELIGIBILITY FOR STOP LOSS SPECIAL PAY SHOULD CONTACT THEIR COMPONENT POC LISTED BELOW FOR ASSISTANCE. INQUIRIES SHOULD INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: NAME (LAST, FIRST, MI); LAST 4 OF SSN; GRADE; UNIT; STATE (FOR ARNG ONLY); MOB DATE (FOR USAR AND ARNG ONLY); DEPLOYMENT DATES; ETS DATE; AND CONTACT PHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL ADDRESS.

10. UNIT COMMANDERS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO IDENTIFY SOLDIERS WITHIN THEIR COMMAND WHO WERE ELIGIBLE FOR STOP LOSS SPECIAL PAY AS OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE, BUT DID NOT RECEIVE PAYMENT. UNIT COMMANDERS OR THEIR DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES WILL:

A. IDENTIFY THE UNDERLYING CAUSE (ETS, DLSEPR CODE, UIC, ETC) PREVENTING THE SOLDIER FROM RECEIVING STOP LOSS SPECIAL PAY AND CORRECT THE PROBLEM IN ALL RELEVANT DATA SYSTEMS (E.G., EMILPO; RETAIN; RLAS (MANDATORY FOR ALL USAR PERSONNEL)).

B. SUBMIT, VIA ENCRYPTED EMAIL, AN EXCEL SPREADSHEET FORMATTED AS TEXT CONTAINING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: SOLDIER'S FULL LAST NAME, FULL FIRST NAME, FULL SSN (NO DASHES OR SPACES), AND EFFECTIVE PAYMENT MONTH/ DATE SOLDIER WAS ELIGIBLE FOR STOP LOSS SPECIAL PAY (ETS/RETIREMENT/SEPARATION DATE + 1 DAY) IN YY/MM/DD FORMAT (NO SLASHES). EMAIL WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

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"THE SOLDIERS WITHIN THIS COMMAND LISTED IN THE ATTACHED SPREADSHEET WERE ELIGIBLE FOR STOP LOSS SPECIAL PAY FOR THE MONTH OF [MONTH YEAR]." INFORMATION WILL BE VERIFIED BY THE UNIT COMMANDER AND, AT A MINIMUM, THE EMAIL WILL INCLUDE THE UNIT COMMANDER'S FULL NAME, RANK, AND UNIT.

C. SUBMIT INFORMATION DIRECTLY TO THE COMPONENT POC LISTED BELOW, WHO WILL CONSOLIDATE THE INFORMATION AND RECONCILE THE DATA AGAINST RELEVANT DATA SYSTEMS.

11. UNIT COMMANDERS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO IDENTIFY SOLDIERS WITHIN THEIR COMMAND WHO WERE INELIGIBLE FOR STOP LOSS SPECIAL PAY BUT RECEIVED PAYMENT. UNIT COMMANDERS OR THEIR DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES WILL:

A. IDENTIFY THE UNDERLYING CAUSE (ETS, DLSEPR CODE, ETC) AND CORRECT THE PROBLEM IN ALL RELEVANT DATA SYSTEMS (E.G., EMILPO; RETAIN; RLAS (MANDATORY FOR ALL USAR PERSONNEL)).

B. SUBMIT, VIA ENCRYPTED EMAIL, AN EXCEL SPREADSHEET FORMATTED AS TEXT CONTAINING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: SOLDIER'S FULL LAST NAME, FULL FIRST NAME, FULL SSN (NO DASHES OR SPACES), MONTH SOLDIER WAS ERRONEOUSLY PAID STOP LOSS SPECIAL PAY IN YY/MM FORMAT (NO SLASHES). EMAIL WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: "THE SOLDIERS WITHIN THIS COMMAND LISTED IN THE ATTACHED SPREADSHEET WERE INELIGIBLE FOR STOP LOSS SPECIAL PAY AND ERRONEOUSLY PAID." INFORMATION WILL BE VERIFIED BY THE UNIT COMMANDER AND, AT A MINIMUM, THE EMAIL WILL INCLUDE THE UNIT COMMANDER'S FULL NAME, RANK, AND UNIT.

C. SUBMIT INFORMATION DIRECTLY TO THE COMPONENT POC LISTED BELOW, WHO WILL CONSOLIDATE THE INFORMATION AND RECONCILE THE DATA AGAINST RELEVANT DATA SYSTEMS AND SUBMIT INFORMATION TO DFAS, INDIANAPOLIS FOR RECOUPMENT OF STOP LOSS SPECIAL PAY.

12. POINTS OF CONTACT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. ACTIVE ARMY: ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND (AHRC)

ENLISTED: AC_ENL_STOPLOSS_PAY@CONUS.ARMY.MIL.

OFFICER: AC_OFF_STOPLOSS_PAY@CONUS.ARMY.MIL.

B. USAR: UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE COMMAND G-1:

USARC_STOPLOSS_PAY@USAR.ARMY.MIL.

C. ARNG: ARMY NATIONAL GUARD G-1: ARNG_STOPLOSS_PAY@NG.ARMY.M

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13. EXPIRATION DATE OF THIS MESSAGE IS 30 SEPTEMBER 2009.