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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL Army National Guard State and Territories G3s and State Senior Enlisted Leaders

SUBJECT: FY12 United Kingdom and German NCO Individual Exchange Program

1. Reference, DoD Directive 1215.15 and 5530.3, OSD-RA Country specific MOU

2. The Army National Guard is soliciting applications for the FY12 iteration of the

OSD-RA reciprocal US/UK/GE Reserve Individual Foreign Exchange Program.

3. The US/UK NCO Exchange Program is an annual event exchanging fifty NCO’s (E5/E9) from Army National Guard units with NCO’s of the United Kingdom Territorial Army (UKTA). The US/GE NCO Exchange Program is an annual event exchanging eight senior NCO's (E6/E9) from ARNG units with NCO's from the German Army (GE). The intent of the programs is to increase understanding of allied nation reserve forces build partnership capacity and improve joint interoperability skills.

4. The ARNG will fund States with the necessary pay and allowances, travel and per diem for the selected NCO’s. The exchange will be performed in addition to the Soldier’s regular scheduled annual training. The sixteen day exchange to the UK/GE will be funded by ARNG-ODO-Y and an ODT line number will be issued for each State’s deployment, listed under HQ, STARC.

5. NCO’s selected to participate in the exchanges are required to perform their regularly scheduled AT with their unit in addition to the sixteen day exchange. ARNG NCO’s will host German/British NCO’s in the US during the ARNG NCO’s regularly scheduled AT period. During a different two week AT period, the ARNG NCO’s will be hosted by the (UKTA, GE), at their regularly scheduled training in the UK/GE. All exchanges will take place between the months of May thru September.

6. NOMINATIONS. States interested in nominating top NCO’s must consolidate, prioritize, and submit complete electronic applications to the point of contact at paragraph 10a. At a minimum, interested States should nominate two participants, preferably from the same unit, and two alternates. There is no limit to the number of Soldiers who can apply for the exchange; opportunities are available for all MOS’s.

7. Selected NCO’s are required to attend a mandatory Exchange Orientation Conference on 31 March 2012 at a TBD location. Travel dates are 30 March & 1 April; ARNG-ODO-Y will fully fund conference attendance. Full-time State exchange coordinators with several State participants are encouraged to attend the exchange conference. Information regarding exchange funding, coordination, training highlights, travel arrangements, packing lists, etc., will be disseminated at the conference. United Kingdom Territorial Army exchange program managers will brief US participants on all aspects of the exchange.

8. ARNG-ODO-Y will disseminate funding instructions to the participating States NLT 21 March 2012.

9. Selection priority is given to the traditional M-Day Soldiers. ARNG-ODO-Y will publish the exchange selections to State headquarters NLT 24 February 2012. Guidance/instruction will be forwarded to the JFHQ and Soldier providing information on the exchange. Additional information on the exchange programs is located on the

OSD-RA Web Site at: http://ra.defense.gov/programs/rtm/rofep.html.

10. Points of contact are:

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