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MEMORANDUM FOR Commanders of USAREUR Major Subordinate and Specialized Commands and HQ USAREUR/7A Staff Principals

SUBJECT: Leave for Spouses of Personnel on Rest and Recuperation and Block Leave

This memorandum expires in 2 years.

1. A liberal leave policy is in effect for Department of the Army civilians during the rest and recuperation (R&R) and block leave of their deployed spouses.
2. Supervisors will normally approve employee requests for accrued annual leave or leave without pay during the R&R and block leave of the employee's spouse unless this would severely affect the mission. If the mission would be severely affected, supervisors will attempt to find solutions that will allow the leave to be approved.
3. R&R and block leave allow deployed personnel time to rest, recover, and be with Family members between periods of prolonged separation. We must balance the requirements of critical missions with an understanding of the needs of Soldiers, civilian employees, and Family members. R&R and block leave are opportunities to recognize the sacrifices made by deployed personnel and their Families.
4. Commanders and managers at every level will ensure this policy is applied in a fair and equitable manner to provide the best possible support for deployed personnel and their Families.

FOR THE COMMANDER:


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