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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Updated Requirements for the Certification of Honorable Service for Members of the Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve and Members of the Active Component for Purposes of Naturalization

1. References:

a. Title 8, U.S.C. § 1440, Naturalization through active-duty service in the Armed Forces during World War I, World War II, Korean hostilities, Vietnam hostilities, or other periods of military hostilities.

b. Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) memorandum, (Certification of Honorable Service for Members of the Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve and Members of the Active Components of the Military or Naval Forces for Purposes of Naturalization), 13 October 2017.

c. Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) memorandum, (Certification of Honorable Service for Members of Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve and Members of the Active Components of the Military or Naval Forces for Purposes of Naturalization), 17 June 2021.

d. Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) memorandum (Compliance with Court Order in the Case of Ange Samma v. Department of Defense, et al., Case No. 20-01104), 31 August 2020.

e. Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) memorandum, (Delegation of Authority to Certify Honorable Service of Members of the Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve and Members of the Active Component for Purposes of Naturalization), 19 February 2020.

f. Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) memorandum, Certification of Honorable Service for Purposes of Naturalization for Members of the Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve, 17 October 2017.

2. Pursuant to reference 1.c., effective 17 June 2021, the screening and suitability requirements and time in service requirements in reference 1.b. are rescinded. Soldiers are authorized to request certification of honorable service for purposes of naturalization immediately upon entering active duty or upon attending drill with their Selected Reserve unit. There is no required wait period; one day of military service suffices for the Soldier to

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submit the request. The prior guidance requiring a Soldier to complete 180 consecutive days of active duty service, or to complete at least 1 year of satisfactory service towards non-regular retirement, no longer applies.

3. Authorized certifying officials must certify or deny a Soldier's certification request, and return it to the Soldier, within 30 calendar days of submission. Commanders and certifying officials may not decline to process or act on the request, or deny the request, on the basis of the Soldier's time in service. Commanders and certifying officials are not permitted to impose local restrictions or prerequisites, such as minimum training or service requirements, as a condition of certifying honorable service.

4. All Commanders at the O6 level will acknowledge understanding of this updated policy and will ensure that their subordinate command teams and leaders have reviewed and understand this policy.

5. Subject to the conditions established by this memorandum and references 1.c. and 1.d., the delegation of authority provisions of references 1.e. and 1.f. remain in effect.

6. The point of contact for this memorandum is Mr. Lin H. St. Clair, 703-695-4423.

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