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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY FOR MANPOWER
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE FOR MANPOWER
AND RESERVE AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: Full-Time National Guard Duty Qualifying for a Reduced Eligibility Age for
Receipt of Non-Regular Retired Pay in Calendar Year 2020

- References: (a) DoD Instruction 1215.07, "Service Credit for Non-Regular Retirement," July 30, 2019
(b) Proclamation 7463, "Declaration of National Emergency by Reason of Certain Terrorist Attacks," September 14, 2001
(c) Proclamation 9994, "Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak," March 13, 2020
(d) Secretary of Defense Memorandum, "National Guard Members Supporting the Southwest Border Security Mission in a Title 32 Status," December 12, 2019
(e) Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) Memorandum, "Benefit Guidance for National Guard Members Supporting Southwest Border Security Mission in a Title 32 Status," May 15, 2020

Pursuant to paragraph 3.5.e. of reference (a), I have determined that full-time National Guard duty (FTNGD) performed at the National Special Security Events (NSSEs) listed below in a title 32, United States Code (U.S.C.), section 502(f), duty status was for the purpose of deterring or responding to acts of terrorism in response to the national emergency declared in reference (b). Such FTNGD, therefore, satisfies the requirements of title 10, U.S.C., section 12731(f)(2)(B)(ii). Accordingly, I designate any such FTNGD as qualifying service for the purpose of reducing the eligibility age for receipt of non-regular retired pay under title 10, U.S.C., section 12731(f)(2)(A). The qualifying NSSEs are as follows:

2020 State of the Union Address
2020 75th United Nations General Assembly
2020 Republican National Convention
2020 Democratic National Convention

Additionally, I have determined that FTNGD performed in a title 32, U.S.C., section 502(f), duty status in response to the national emergency declared in reference (c) satisfies the requirements of title 10, U.S.C., section 12731(f)(2)(B)(ii). Accordingly, I designate any such FTNGD as qualifying service for the purpose of reducing the eligibility age for receipt of non-regular retired pay under title 10, U.S.C., section 12731(f)(2)(A).

Finally, in reference (d), the Secretary of Defense determined that members of the National Guard who are performing FTNGD in a title 32, section 502(f), duty status in support of the Southwest Border Security Mission are responding to a national emergency declared by the

President and supported by Federal funds for purposes of eligibility for certain benefits. In reference (e), the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness determined that members of the National Guard performing such FTNGD meet the requirements of title 10, U.S.C., section 12731(f)(2)(B)(ii), and that such duty performed on or after February 15, 2019, qualifies for eligibility for reduced age for receipt of non-regular retired pay under title 10, U.S.C., section 12731(f)(2)(A).

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