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SUBJ/NAVY RESERVE FORCE GUIDANCE IN THE EVENT OF A LAPSE IN

APPROPRIATIONS ON 22 MAR 2024//

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RMKS/1. The current continuing resolution expires at 2359

on 22 March 2024. This is not an order to shutdown and as part of

our effort to keep you apprised of planning efforts, we are

providing further information on how a potential government shutdown

will affect the Navy Reserve Force. In the event of a lapse of

funding, the Navy Reserve Force will execute an orderly shutdown

of operations unless a particular operation or duty supports an

excepted activity. Navy Reserve Activities (NRAs) should continue

proceeding with operations and executing established schedules,

presuming that appropriations will be available after 22 March 2024.

In the event of a lapse of appropriations (i.e., a government

shutdown) Commanders shall implement the following guidance.

2. Excepted Mission Authority: Per the Deputy Secretary of Defense

Memorandum, "Guidance for Continuation of Operations During a Lapse

of Appropriations," dated 27 September 2023, the responsibility for

determining which activities meet the criteria for being excepted

from shutdown resides with the Secretaries of the Military

Departments and Heads of the DoD Components, including the combatant

commanders with respect to activities undertaken by their immediate

headquarters and subordinate Joint headquarters.

2.a. Delegation of Excepted Mission Authority: Those with excepted

activity determination authority listed above may delegate this

authority as they deem appropriate, but Navy Reserve senior

officials are unable to make any excepted activity determinations,

for the activities identified in Paragraph 3 below, until properly delegated such authority (which has not occurred at the time of message release). Authorized delegation will be communicated SEPCOR.

3. Excepted Activities. With the approval of an excepted activity determination authority, the following activities may continue in case of a lapse of appropriation:

3.a. Mobilization/Deployment: Reserve Component (RC) personnel identified for mobilization and/or deployment in support of contingency operations and who are fulfilling requirements in preparation for those duties may continue those preparation activities despite a lapse in appropriations.

3.b. Military Operations: As part of providing expeditionary ready forces across the Naval service, excepted activities include those scheduled military operations or exercises which are (1) in direct support and coordination with the Active Component (AC) force; (2) in direct support of an identified military operation or activity, as decreed by the President, the Secretary of Defense or other cognizant authority, for the safety of life or the protection of property in the interest of national security; and/or (3) determined to be operationally necessary in order to maintain mobilization and warfighting readiness.

4. Inactive Duty execution.

4.a. During a lapse in appropriations, RC personnel will not perform inactive duty, including Inactive Duty Training (IDT) drills and Additional IDT drills [e.g., RMPs, ATPs etc.], resulting in the obligation of funds (including for points only), except where such training directly supports an excepted activity.

4.b. Should a lapse in appropriations occur less than twenty-four hours before the start of a scheduled drill period, RC personnel, whose IDT drills do not directly support excepted activities, may perform an orderly shutdown of unit operations, which includes concluding previously-scheduled operational training requirements and taking action to ensure continuity, mobilization readiness and unit sustainability. RC personnel, who are on-site at a drill location during a lapse in appropriations and whose IDT drills do not support an excepted activity, must return to their primary residence within a reasonable period of time after completing an orderly shutdown of unit operations. An orderly shutdown for those members performing on-site IDT drills, which involve non-expected activities, typically should not exceed one drill period.

4.c. Should a lapse in appropriations continue for an extended period beyond the weekend of 23 and 24 March 2024, future IDT drill weekends will only be conducted as necessary to support excepted activities until appropriations are authorized. Consult your Reserve Program Director (RPD) or Immediate Superior In Command (ISIC) to verify if you are performing an approved excepted activity. Sailors or units not part of an excepted activity are not authorized to complete IDT of any type (paid, non-paid, additional [ATP, AFTP,

RMP], telework, IDT Travel, etc.) during a lapse in appropriations.

5. Orders.

5.a. Mobilization, Definite Recall and Active Duty for Operational Support (ADOS). While under a lapse of appropriations, drilling Selected Reserve (SELRES) members executing mobilization, definite recall or ADOS orders, which were initiated prior to a lapse in appropriations, will continue to report for duty on those orders and carry out assigned duties; however, no extensions to those orders will be allowed unless it is expressly determined that such orders involve the performance of an excepted activity. All orders with a start date of 23 March 2024 or later shall not be executed unless cognizant authority determines that such orders are in support of an excepted activity. Prior to cancellation of orders, it is essential that the Navy Reserve Readiness Unit (NRRU), the NRA, and the Gaining Command RPD are in constant contact regarding status of impacted orders.

5.b. Active Duty for Training (ADT) and Annual Training (AT) Orders initiated before a Lapse in Appropriations.

For members performing ADT or AT prior to a lapse in appropriations, members may continue performing ADT or AT orders when cognizant authority determines either those members are engaged in an excepted activity or those members are engaged in non-excepted activities which may be performed without incurring new obligations. If the activity being performed during AT or ADT is not excepted or involves non-excepted activities which incur new obligations, then cognizant authority should, in an orderly fashion, modify orders to direct members to return to their primary residence within a reasonable period.

5.c. ADT and AT Orders scheduled to begin on 23 March 2024 for members scheduled to perform ADT or AT with a start date of 23 March 2024 or later, those members shall not execute such orders during a lapse in appropriations unless the ADT or AT directly involves an excepted activity (as determined by competent authority).

5.d. Order modifications [e.g., extension of the orders beyond the original expiration date] not in support of excepted activities will not be approved unless modification reduces cost of original obligation.

5.e. All personnel are advised that pay and compensation will be deferred. Military personnel in an active status will serve without pay until such time as Congress makes appropriated funds available. No new obligation may be incurred to support a non-excepted activity during a lapse in appropriations, as that is a violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act.

5.f. eMuster in NSIPS must take place to record check-in and ensure accountability. This muster will ensure payment of the member when funding is approved.

5.g. AT/ADT/IDTT/ATP will not be used to back-fill non-excepted

civilian positions.

6. Temporary Duty (TDY) Travel and Conference Participation:

6.a. TAR and SELRES TDY travel and conference participation scheduled to begin on or after 22 March 2024 will be cancelled and shall not be executed during a lapse in appropriation unless such participation involves excepted activities (as determined by cognizant authority) identified in paragraphs 2 and 3 and any SECDEF guidance or DON guidance. Any TDY travel or conference participation, which does not involve an excepted activity and that began prior to the shutdown will, except as noted below, be terminated (i.e., return to official duty station) as quickly as possible, in an orderly fashion. This includes TDY travel and conference participation associated with professional military education training.

6.b. Local TDY orders may be authorized if no additional cost to the government is incurred.

7. Follow Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) guidance on Military Funeral Honors (MFH). If MFH is determined to be an excepted activity, SELRES utilization ISO MFH will be minimized. AC or TAR assets will be utilized first and coordinated with CNIC or designated regional MFH representatives prior to authorizing performance of MFH by SELRES personnel.

8. TAR personnel on active duty and SELRES members executing mobilization, definite recall or ADOS orders are expected to report to duty as ordered. TAR personnel and SELRES members executing mobilization, definite recall or ADOS orders will serve without pay until such time as Congress makes appropriated funds available. Speak to your chain of command about monetary relief and resources available to you during any prolonged lapse in appropriations.

9. Civilian personnel: ECH III and IV Commanders will enforce confirmed excepted employee lists provided by originator. Civilian personnel who are not necessary to carry out or support excepted activities shall be furloughed using lapse in appropriation procedures. Published guidance will be provided from separate DON authorities and may be potentially supplemented by the Navy Reserve.

10. Good judgment and communication are essential at all levels of Force leadership. When in doubt, consult with your ISIC and assigned legal counsel.

11. Further guidance and Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) updates on excepted activities will be promulgated via RPD Mailbags and ForceConnect.

12. Released by RADM Michael Steffen Deputy Commander, Navy Reserve Force.//

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