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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

SUBJECT: Extension of Authority to Reduce Minimum Commissioned Service for Voluntary Retirement as an Officer

The Army may use the authority in title 10, U.S. Code, section 3911(b)(1), to reduce the number of years of active service as a commissioned officer required to retire as an officer through September 30, 2018.

In the attached November 30, 2012, memorandum, I approved your request for use of authority in title 10, U.S. Code, section 3911(b)(1), to reduce the number of years of active service as a commissioned officer required to retire as an officer until September 30, 2013, the termination date for the authority. On January 3, 2013, the President signed the Fiscal Year 2013 National Defense Authorization Act, which extended the termination date of this authority to September 30, 2018.

This supports Department policy that voluntary separation authorities be used to the maximum extent possible prior to using involuntary measures to reduce the force. My point of contact is Lt Col Ronald K. Booker, who can be reached at ronald.booker@osd.mil or (703) 614-3973.

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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

SUBJECT: Authority to Reduce Minimum Commissioned Service for Voluntary Retirement as an Officer

Reference: Secretary of the Army Memorandum, November 14, 2012

Your request for use of authority in title 10, U.S. Code, section 3911(b)(1), to reduce the number of years of active service as a commissioned officer required to retire as an officer from 10 years to 8 years is approved for use until September 30, 2013. This supports Department policy that voluntary separation authorities be used to the maximum extent possible prior to using involuntary measures to reduce the force. My point of contact is Lieutenant Colonel Ronald K. Booker, at ronald.booker@osd.mil or (703) 614-3973.

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SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
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MEMORANDUM FOR UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (PERSONNEL AND READINESS)

SUBJECT: Request for Authority to reduce Minimum Commissioned Service for Voluntary Retirement as an Officer through September 30, 2013

1. I request authority for the Army to approve officer retirements for regular and reserve commissioned officers who have a minimum of eight years of active commissioned service.

2. Section 506 of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 National Defense Authorization Act amended section 3911(b)(1) of title 10, U. S. Code to provide the Secretary of the Army, upon Secretary of Defense authorization, the authority to reduce the minimum active commissioned service from 10 years to not less than eight years in order for regular or reserve commissioned officers, who are otherwise retirement eligible, to retire as officers. The statutory authority to reduce the active commissioned service requirement will expire on September 30, 2013.

3. Reducing the minimum active commissioned service requirement to eight years will increase the Army's ability to correctly size and balance the officer force. This action is part of the Army's broader plan to shape officer year groups that were originally sized for the rapid growth of the Army required to support Overseas Contingency Operations and will be important in achieving force reductions.

4. My POC for this action is Mr. Al Eggerton, phone: 703- 695-6614 or e-mail: albert.s.eggerton.civ@mail.mil.

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