

SUBJ: ALARACT 042/2015 – WITHHOLD OF CERTAIN SEPARATIONS TO THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (MANPOWER AND RESERVE AFFAIRS) FOR DECISION

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1. REFERENCES.

- A. AR 635-200, ACTIVE DUTY ENLISTED ADMINISTRATIVE SEPARATIONS, 6 JUN 05, RAR, 6 SEP 11.
- B. AR 600-8-24, OFFICER TRANSFERS AND DISCHARGES, 12 APR 06, RAR, 13 SEP 11.
- C. AR 135-178, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD AND ARMY RESERVE ENLISTED ADMINISTRATIVE SEPARATIONS, 18 MAR 14.
- D. AR 135-175, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD AND ARMY RESERVE SEPARATION OF OFFICERS, 28 FEB 87, RAR, 4 AUG 11.
- E. AR 40-501, STANDARDS OF MEDICAL FITNESS, 14 DEC 07, RAR, 4 AUG 11.

2. PURPOSE. THIS MESSAGE WITHHOLDS AUTHORITY OVER CERTAIN SEPARATIONS TO THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (MANPOWER AND RESERVE AFFAIRS) FOR DECISION.

3. GUIDANCE.

A. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, SEPARATIONS INITIATED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF AR 635-200 AND AR 135-178 FOR ENLISTED SOLDIERS DIAGNOSED WITH GENDER DYSPHORIA OR FOR SOLDIERS WHO ARE TRANSGENDER MUST BE FORWARDED THROUGH THE HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY (HQDA), DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, G-1 (DCS, G-1), TO THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (MANPOWER AND RESERVE AFFAIRS) (ASA (M&RA)) FOR DECISION.

B. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, SEPARATIONS INITIATED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF AR 600-8-24 AND AR 135-175 FOR OFFICERS DIAGNOSED WITH GENDER DYSPHORIA OR FOR OFFICERS WHO ARE TRANSGENDER MUST BE FORWARDED THROUGH THE DCS, G-1 TO THE ASA (M&RA) FOR DECISION.

C. PRIOR TO DETERMINING WHETHER OR NOT TO INITIATE SEPARATION FOR ENLISTED SOLDIERS AND OFFICERS DIAGNOSED WITH GENDER DYSPHORIA OR WHO ARE TRANSGENDER, COORDINATION WILL BE MADE WITH THE APPROPRIATE HQDA POINT OF CONTACT LISTED IN PARAGRAPH 5 OF THIS MESSAGE.

D. NO OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE REFERENCES LISTED IN PARAGRAPH 1 ARE IMPACTED BY THIS ALARACT MESSAGE.

4. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS MESSAGE ARE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR 12 MONTHS, OR LESS, IF THE REGULATIONS LISTED IN PARAGRAPH 1 ARE REVISED AND PUBLISHED, AS APPLICABLE, OR OTHER SUPERSEDING GUIDANCE IS PUBLISHED.

5. THE ASA (M&RA) HAS APPROVED THIS MESSAGE. THE DCS, G-1 IS THE PROPONENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SEPARATIONS POLICY. THE HQDA POINTS OF CONTACT ARE THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT BRANCH (DAPE-MPE-PD); ODCS, G-1; DSN [REDACTED] COMMERCIAL [REDACTED] FOR ENLISTED SOLDIERS AND THE OFFICER CAREER POLICY BRANCH (DAPE-MPO-D); ODCS, G-1; DSN [REDACTED] COMMERCIAL [REDACTED] FOR OFFICERS.

6. THIS MESSAGE WILL EXPIRE IN 12 MONTHS, OR LESS, IF SUPERSEDING GUIDANCE IS PUBLISHED.