

ALARACT 159/2012

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SUBJECT: ENLISTED ADMINISTRATIVE SEPARATION PROCESSING - FINAL MEDICAL DISPOSITION

1. REFERENCES.

A. AR 635-200, ACTIVE DUTY ENLISTED ADMINISTRATIVE SEPARATIONS, 6 JUN 05 (RAPID ACTION REVISION 17 DEC 09)

B. AR 135-178, ENLISTED ADMINISTRATIVE SEPARATIONS, 13 DEC 2011

C. NGR 600-200, ENLISTED PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT, 31 JULY 2009

D. AR 635-40, PHYSICAL EVALUATION FOR RETENTION, RETIREMENT OR SEPARATION, 8 FEB 2006

E. AR 40-501, STANDARDS OF MEDICAL FITNESS, 18 JAN 2007

F. HQDA EXORD 080-12, ARMY DISABILITY EVALUATION SYSTEM (DES) STANDARDIZATION, DTG 17003Z FEB 12

2. THIS MESSAGE APPLIES TO ACTIVE ARMY, US ARMY RESERVE, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD (TITLE 10).

3. PURPOSE. THIS MESSAGE CLARIFIES ENLISTED ADMINISTRATIVE SEPARATION PROCESSING FOR SOLDIERS IDENTIFIED AS NOT MEETING MEDICAL RETENTION STANDARDS (REF D).

4. POLICY.

A. EXCEPT FOR SEPARATION IN LIEU OF COURT-MARTIAL, FINAL DISPOSITION THROUGH THE DISABILITY EVALUATION SYSTEM (DES) TAKES PRECEDENCE OVER ADMINISTRATIVE SEPARATION PROCESSING, REGARDLESS OF WHEN THE MEDICAL DETERMINATION IS MADE (EITHER BEFORE, DURING, OR AFTER INITIATION OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE SEPARATION).

B. THE MEDICAL TREATMENT FACILITY (MTF) COMMANDER OR ATTENDING MEDICAL OFFICER WILL REFER SOLDIERS TO A MEDICAL EVALUATION

BOARD (MEB) WHO DO NOT MEET MEDICAL FITNESS STANDARDS FOR RETENTION. PER REF F ABOVE, A FINDING THAT A SOLDIER DOES NOT MEET MEDICAL FITNESS STANDARDS FOR RETENTION INCLUDES WHEN THE SECOND SIGNATURE IS APPLIED TO THE DA FORM 3349 (PHYSICAL PROFILE) ESTABLISHING A PERMANENT "3" OR "4" IN ANY PULHES FACTOR FOR A DUTY-RELATED CONDITION.

(1) WHEN EITHER THE MTF COMMANDER OR ATTENDING MEDICAL OFFICER DETERMINES A SOLDIER DOES NOT MEET RETENTION STANDARDS, THE SEPARATION AUTHORITY WILL NOT TAKE FINAL ACTION ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE SEPARATION ACTION UNTIL AFTER A FINAL MEDICAL RETENTION DETERMINATION IS MADE.

(2) WHEN THE MEB DETERMINES REFERRAL TO A PHYSICAL EVALUATION BOARD (PEB) IS WARRANTED, SOLDIERS WILL BE REFERRED TO THE PEB UNLESS THE SOLDIER IS PROCESSING FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SEPARATION FOR FRAUDULENT ENTRY OR MISCONDUCT. WHEN SOLDIERS ARE UNDERGOING ADMINISTRATIVE SEPARATION FOR FRAUDULENT ENTRY OR MISCONDUCT, THE GENERAL COURT-MARTIAL CONVENING AUTHORITY (GCMCA) MUST DIRECT, IN WRITING, WHETHER TO PROCEED WITH THE DES PROCESS OR ADMINISTRATIVE SEPARATION. THE GCMCA'S WRITTEN DIRECTIVE MUST ADDRESS WHETHER THE SOLDIER'S MEDICAL CONDITION IS THE DIRECT OR SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTING CAUSE OF THE CONDUCT THAT LED TO THE RECOMMENDATION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SEPARATION, AND/OR WHETHER OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE INDIVIDUAL CASE WARRANT DISABILITY PROCESSING INSTEAD OF FURTHER PROCESSING FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SEPARATION.

C. ULTIMATELY IF THE SOLDIER IS FOUND PHYSICALLY FIT BY THE PEB, ADMINISTRATIVE SEPARATION MAY RESUME. IF THE SOLDIER IS FOUND PHYSICALLY UNFIT, THE ADMINISTRATIVE SEPARATION ACTION WILL BE ABATED.

5. EXPIRATION DATE OF THIS ALARACT CANNOT BE DETERMINED.

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