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COMDTNOTE 7200

SUBJ: INACTIVE DUTY FOR TRAINING (IDT) SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE A. U.S. Code, Title 37, Section 402(e) B. RESERVE POLICY MANUAL, COMDTINST M1001.28 (SERIES) C. COAST GUARD PAY MANUAL, COMDTINST M7220.29 (SERIES) 1. Purpose. This ALCOAST promulgates policy regarding IDT subsistence allowance, formally IDT COMRATS, for enlisted reservists performing paid IDT drills.

2. Background. Errors in assignment of IDT meal eligibility for enlisted SELRES members has previously caused overpayments and underpayments for reservists performing paid IDT drills. In accordance with REF A, an enlisted member of the Reserve Component

(RC) may receive rations-in-kind (RIK), part thereof, or a cash allowance in lieu of a government provided meal when the members paid IDT drill totals at least 8 hours in a calendar day. Reserve members, regardless of their duty status, with or without pay, must pay for all government provided meals they consume.

3. Policy.

A. Reserve members are not authorized an IDT subsistence allowance for periods of travel to and from their drill site or whenever entitled to a meal per diem allowance in an IDT travel status.

B. Officers are not authorized an IDT subsistence allowance.

C. Reserve members who perform a single IDT drill are not authorized a government provided meal or a subsistence allowance.

D. Meal eligibility for a Reserve member who performs a paid multiple IDT drill is as follows:

(1) Reserve member not authorized lodging:

(a) Reserve member arriving same day, not staying overnight:
Authorized Lunch, or

(b) Reserve member works past 1800:
Authorized Lunch and Supper

(2) Reserve member authorized lodging:

(a) Reserve member arriving night before for 1 paid multiple IDT drill the next day:
Authorized Breakfast and Lunch, or

(b) Reserve member arriving on day of 1st drill for 2 paid multiple IDT drills and staying overnight between drills:

1st Day Authorized Lunch and Supper, and
2nd Day Authorized Breakfast and Lunch

(c) Reserve member arriving night before for 2 paid multiple IDT drills:

1st Day Authorized All meals, and
2nd Day Authorized Breakfast and Lunch

4. This updated policy will be incorporated in future revisions of REFS B and C.

5. Questions and concerns should be addressed to COMDT (CG-1311) email: HQS-DG-LST-CG-1311(at) uscg.mil.

6. Released by RDML James M. Heinz, Director, Reserve and Military Personnel.

7. Internet release authorized.