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- B. COMDT COGARD WASHINGTON DC 271313Z JAN 03 (ALCOAST 043/03)

1. This ALCOAST clarifies ref (A) guidance on how Ch 1607 entitlements are to be used in conjunction with tuition assistance (TA). Drilling reservists eligible for Ch 1607 benefits shall fully utilize Ch 1607 benefits prior to receiving tuition assistance. Total combined benefits may not exceed the full cost of the course(s). As stated in ref (A), reservists serving on active duty may use either TA or REAP (if eligible) but, cannot combine the two benefits, regardless of the cost of a course.

2. The amount of TA a member may be eligible for is the difference between the total REAP entitlement over a given semester and the TA cap over the same time period. The exact amount of TA a reservist may be authorized will be determined based on the amount of REAP entitlements previously received. As stated in ref (B) the tuition assistance cap is 250 dollars per semester hour or 4500 dollars per fiscal year. The monthly rate for REAP is determined by the number of days the member was activated. Actual REAP entitlements will be determined by the VA. Please contact your ESO for further clarification.

3. The process of obtaining Ch 1607 entitlements has improved since the start of the program. The Veterans Administration (VA) is confident that claims will be efficiently processed for more timely and accurate payments. Contact a veteran's benefits counselor at the VA by calling 888-442-4551 for questions regarding claim processing.

4. For more information on Ch 1607 please refer to the VA REAP pamphlet at:  
[http://www.gibill.va.gov/pamphlets/ch1607/ch1607\\_pamphlet.pdf](http://www.gibill.va.gov/pamphlets/ch1607/ch1607_pamphlet.pdf).

5. All other ref (A) information remains unchanged.

6. Internet release authorized.

7. CAPT F.A. Dutch, Acting Director of Reserve and Training, sends.

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