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ALERT!

Effective 1 November 2000, All travel vouchers must be reviewed and signed by your supervisor. For TDY personnel and Individual Ready Reservists (IRR) Individual Mobilization Augmentees (IMA), This is your CDS/Supervisor at your current duty site (or designated representatives when they are not available). For PCS personnel, the reviewer must be the In/Out Processing finance clerk. For Invitational Travel, the reviewer is from the office that is inviting the individual to travel.

IVRS



THE NEW \$100 NOTE



THE NEW \$50 NOTE



THE NEW \$20 NOTE

The IVRS (Interactive Voice Response System) is an information retrieval system designed to allow Active Duty

Army, Army Reserve, and Army National Guard personnel obtain current pay information. This will keep soldiers from having to go to the PAC or Finance to inquire about certain issue with their pay. Soldiers can now access the IVRS and get information on their direct deposit information, allotments/bonds, taxes and leave balance. In order to access the IVRS, you must have a personal identification number (PIN). On the August LES, soldiers should have received notice that their PIN would be sent by mail to their unit address or through their servicing finance office. Reserve and National Guard personnel will receive their PIN at their home of record. The PINs that will be issued are only temporary. Soldiers must customize their PIN within 120 days of issuance. For security purposes, a notice will be placed on the soldier's LES whenever the PIN is changed. Phone numbers are Toll free: 1-800-PAY-ARMY, Commercial: 317-520-0665, DSN: 699-0665. Further information for this system can be obtained by accessing the DFAS website: dfas.army.mil or by E-mail: askdfas.mil

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VEAP

Active Duty Service Members who established a Veterans' Educational Assistance Program (VEAP) account prior to 1 Apr 87, and either withdrew their contribution or stopped contributions short of the \$2,709 maximum are entitled to restart contribution allotments, or make lump-sum contributions.

In the mid-80's, service members who had opened a VEAP account were encouraged to withdraw their funds and deposit them into interest bearing accounts. Soldiers understood the contributions could be added back to the VEAP account prior to separation from active duty without penalty. Because thousands of service members took advantage of this option, they were excluded from the VEAP to Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) conversion authorized under public law in 1996. This law was open only to active duty service members who had money in the VEAP account on the effective date of the law.

The Department of Defense is working to amend this law. In view of proposed legislation, Department of the Army strongly recommends VEAP

service members who have a zero balance in their VEAP account immediately visit their local finance office to reopen their suspended account. They recommend a minimum \$25 contribution to reactivate the VEAP account.

AR 621-202 is the authority to reopen a suspended VEAP account. Paragraphs 4-7C and 4-8 provide specific information.

Point of contact for any questions is J.T. Jones, DSN 699-7602 or commercial (317) 510-7602

REMINDER

Allotments are sent out from DFAS-IN, at the end of each month. The effective date for "Start" allotments is the end-of-month payment for that month. The effective date used for "Stop" allotments is the last month the soldier will see the allotment come out of his/her pay.

Examples:

* Start allotment effective 0010 - Allotment is paid on 1 Nov

* Stop allotment effective 0010 - End of Month October (1 Nov) is the last payment for this allotment. If the soldier does not want the allotment

to come out in October, the effective date should state 0009, Making 1 October the last payment.

If you have any questions concerning allotments, please contact SGT Medina at 634-7455

Assistance Visits

New soldiers in the PAC? Preparing for a command inspection? Having difficulty getting documents processed in a timely manner or difficulty in reviewing the UCFR? We will gladly provide courtesy inspections and unit assistance visits. Please contact SFC Mallory or SSG Loveland at 634-7455 to coordinate a time.

DECEMBER **CALENDAR**

- ◆ **Mid Month Cutoff** **7**
- ◆ **Mid Month NPA distro**
13
- ◆ **EOM Cutoff** **18**
- ◆ **LES distro** **27**
- ◆ **Payday – Military** **29**

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