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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Army Directive 2014-28 (Requests to Upgrade Discharge by Veterans Claiming Post Traumatic Stress Disorder)

1. References:

a. Memorandum, Secretary of Defense, 3 Sep 2014, subject: Supplemental Guidance to Military Boards for Correction of Military/Naval Records Considering Discharge Upgrade Requests by Veterans Claiming Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

b. Title 10, U.S. Code, section 1552.

c. Army Regulation 15-185 (Army Board for Correction of Military Records), 31 March 2006.

2. Pursuant to reference 1a, this directive implements supplemental guidance to the Army Review Boards Agency (ARBA) regarding requests to upgrade discharges by veterans claiming post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). It augments the ARBA processes outlined in references 1b and 1c.

3. Under the supervision of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs), ARBA will:

a. immediately implement the supplemental guidance outlined in the attachment to reference 1a for all boards that review the characterization of discharges. This includes, but is not limited to, the Army Board for Correction of Military Records.

b. prioritize the review of all applicants with service in the Vietnam theater and provide me with a quarterly status beginning in January 2015.

c. coordinate a public messaging campaign targeting veterans groups that includes congressional messaging with the Chief, Legislative Liaison and Chief, Public Affairs by 14 November 2014.

d. coordinate any additional medical resources needed to support this effort with The Surgeon General.

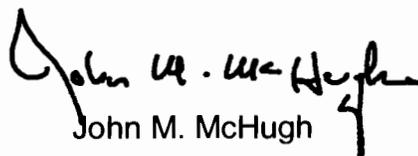
4. The Office of the Surgeon General will provide expert guidance to ARBA on clinical manifestations of PTSD and behavioral indicators to help ARBA assess the presence of

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PTSD and its potentially mitigating effects. When requested, the office will provide consultation to supplement ARBA's efforts on complex cases that exceed ARBA's capabilities.

5. The Chief, Legislative Liaison and Chief, Public Affairs will implement the messaging campaign for the remainder of 2014 and calendar year 2015.

6. This directive is effective immediately. The Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) is the proponent for this policy and will publish appropriate implementing instructions as soon as possible.



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