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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Army Directive 2014-17 (Authority to Reduce Minimum Commissioned Service for Voluntary Retirement as an Officer)

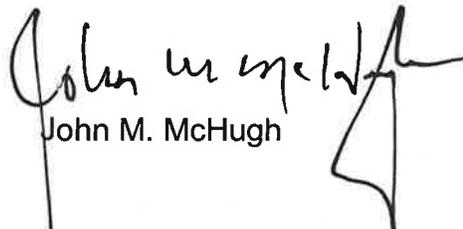
1. References:

- a. 10 United States Code (U.S.C.) section 3911(b)(1).
- b. Memorandum, Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), Jan 30, 2013, subject: Extension of Authority to Reduce Minimum Commissioned Service for Voluntary Retirement as an Officer.
- c. Army Directive 2013-14 (Temporary Early Retirement Authority), 10 June 2013.
- d. Army Regulation 600-8-24 (Officer Transfers and Discharges), 12 April 2006, including Rapid Action Revision 3 Issued 13 September 2011.

2. To support our efforts to correctly size and balance the Army officer force during this period of drawdown, and under authority granted in reference 1b, the minimum years of active commissioned service required for voluntary retirement as a commissioned officer under the provisions of 10 U.S.C. section 3911(b)(1) is reduced from 10 to 8 years. This decrease in the minimum years of active commissioned service also applies to requests for retirement under temporary early retirement authority.

3. The retirement approval authorities specified in Army Regulation 600-8-24 are delegated authority to approve requests on my behalf for officers with at least 8 years of active commissioned service who are otherwise eligible for voluntary retirement.

4. This policy is effective immediately and will expire on 30 September 2018, unless earlier rescinded. Accordingly, any officer whose retirement is approved under this authority must be placed on the retired list no later than 1 October 2018.

  
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