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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Army Directive 2016-08 (Authority to Conduct Warrant Officer Grade Determinations at Retirement)

1. References:

- a. 10 United States Code (U.S.C.) section 1371.
- b. National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016, S.1356, 114th Congress, section 505 (2015).
- c. Army Regulation (AR) 15-80 (Army Grade Determination Review Board and Grade Determinations), 12 July 2002.

2. In accordance with 10 U.S.C. section 1371, AR 15-80, paragraph 4-2b states that:

Unless entitled to a higher grade under some other provision of law, a warrant officer retires in the permanent or reserve warrant officer grade, if any, that he or she held on the day before the date of his or her retirement.

Section 505 of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2016 amended 10 U.S.C. section 1371 to read:

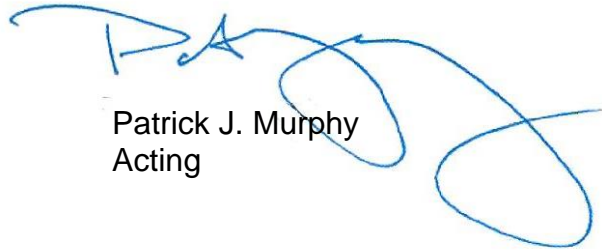
Unless entitled to a higher retired grade under some other provision of law, a warrant officer shall be retired in the highest regular or reserve warrant officer grade in which the warrant officer served satisfactorily, as determined by the Secretary concerned.

3. Effective immediately, the grade determination authorities specified in AR 15-80 are authorized to conduct warrant officer grade determinations as set forth in AR 15-80, paragraph 4-1 and the NDAA for Fiscal Year 2016 amendment of 10 U.S.C. section 1371.

4. The Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) is the proponent for this policy and will incorporate the provisions of this directive into the next revision of AR 15-80.

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5. This directive is rescinded upon publication of the revised regulation.



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