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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Army Directive 2016-13 (Assignment for Soldiers Who Experience the Death of a Spouse)

1. References:

a. Department of Defense Instruction 1315.18 (Procedures for Military Personnel Assignments), 28 October 2015.

b. Army Directive 2012-24 (24-Month Stabilization for Soldiers After Death of Spouse), 5 October 2012 (hereby superseded).

c. Army Regulation 135-18 (The Active Guard Reserve (AGR) Program), 1 November 2014.

d. Army Regulation 614-100 (Officer Assignment Policies, Details, and Transfers), 1 October 2006.

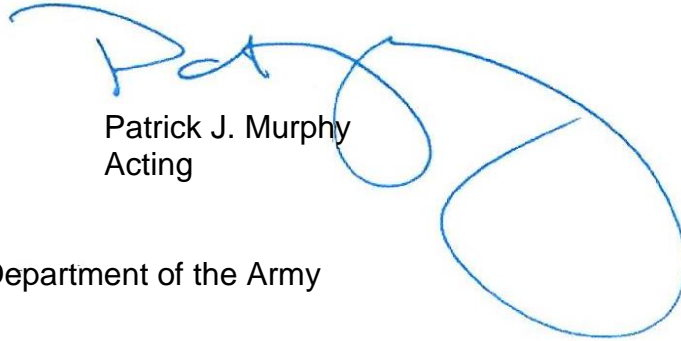
e. Army Regulation 614-200 (Enlisted Assignments and Utilization Management), 26 February 2009, Including Rapid Action Revision No. 2 Issued 11 October 2011.

2. Effective immediately, Soldiers who experience the death of a spouse are automatically stabilized for a period of not less than 12 months. Once stabilized, Soldiers may request to extend their stabilization period to 24 months or to terminate their stabilization at any time. Soldiers must make extension or termination requests in writing through their chain of command to the Commander, U.S. Army Human Resources Command, 1600 Spearhead Division Avenue, Fort Knox, Kentucky 40122-5100.

3. The establishment of this policy helps a Soldier during a period of extreme hardship to ensure that he or she is afforded stability and allowed time to address personal affairs.

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4. The Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1 is the proponent of this policy and will incorporate the change into the next revisions of references 1c through 1e. This directive is rescinded upon publication of the final revised regulations.



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