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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL Army National Guard State and Territories G3s and State CSM's

SUBJECT: FY11 United Kingdom and German Senior NCO Exchange Program

1. Reference ARNG-OD FY10 Gold Book.

2. The Army National Guard is soliciting applications for the FY11 iteration of the OSD-RA reciprocal US/UK/GE Reserve Individual Foreign Exchange Program.

3. The US/UK NCO Exchange Program is an annual event exchanging fifty senior NCO's (E6/E9) from Army National Guard units with NCO's of the United Kingdom Territorial Army (UKTA). The US/GE NCO Exchange Program is an annual event exchanging eight senior NCO's (E6/E9) from ARNG units with NCO's from the German Army (GE). The intent of the programs is to increase understanding of allied nation reserve forces build partnership capacity and improve joint interoperability skills.

4. NGB will fund States with the necessary pay and allowances, travel and per diem for the selected NCO's. The exchange will be performed in addition to the Soldier's regular scheduled annual training. The 16 day exchange to the UK/GE will be funded by ARNG-ODO-Y and an ODT line number will be issued for each State's deployment, listed under HQ, STARC.

5. NCO's selected to participate in the exchanges are required to perform their regularly scheduled AT with their unit in addition to the 16 day exchange. ARNG NCO's will host German / British NCO's in the US during the ARNG NCO's regularly scheduled AT period. During a different two week AT period, the ARNG NCO's will be hosted by the (UKTA, GE), at their regularly scheduled training in the UK/GE. All exchanges will take place between the months of May thru September.

6. NOMINATIONS. States interested in nominating top NCO's must consolidate and submit electronic applications to ATTN: ARNG Individual Exchange Program Manager ARNG-ODO-Y. At a minimum, interested States must nominate two participants, preferably from the same unit and two alternates. There is no limit to the number of Soldiers that can apply for the exchange; opportunities are available for all MOS's. States must prioritize their nominations and applicants must complete all information requested on the electronic application and process thru their state chain of command.

7. Selected NCO's are required to attend a mandatory exchange orientation conference on 9 April 2011 at the Professional Education Center, Little Rock, AR. Travel dates are 8 & 10 April; ARNG-ODO-Y will fully fund conference attendance. Full time state exchange coordinators with several participants are encouraged to attend the conference. Information regarding exchange funding, coordination, training highlights, travel arrangements, packing lists, etc., will be disseminated at the conference. United Kingdom Territorial Army personnel will be in attendance to brief US participants.

8. ARNG-ODO-Y will disseminate funding instructions to the participating States NLT 25 March 2011.

9. Selection priority is given to the traditional M-Day Soldiers. ARNG-ODO-Y will publish the exchange selections to state headquarters NLT 25 February 2011. Guidance / instructions will be forwarded to the Soldier providing information on the exchange. Additional information on the exchange programs is located on the GKO Web Site under Operations ARNG-ODO-Y and the OSDRA Web Site.

10. Points of contact are:

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