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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
UNDER SECRETARY OF WAR FOR PERSONNEL AND
READINESS
CHIEF OF THE NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU

SUBJECT: Determination of Alignment for Specified Missions Performed by Members of the National Guard in a Title 32 Duty Status

I have determined that members of the National Guard who perform full-time National Guard Duty active service under 32 U.S.C. § 502(f) in support of the following missions are responding to a national emergency declared by the President pursuant to Proclamation 10886, "Declaring a National Emergency at the Southern Border of the United States:"

- National Guard Support to Immigration and Customs Enforcement/Interior Enforcement; and
- National Guard Support on the Southern Border.

I have further determined that members of the National Guard who perform full-time National Guard Duty active service under 32 U.S.C. § 502(f) in support of the following missions are responding to a national emergency declared by the President pursuant to Executive Order 14097 of April 27, 2023, "Authority To Order the Ready Reserve of the Armed Forces to Active Duty To Address International Drug Trafficking," in furtherance of Executive Order 14059, of December 15, 2021, "Imposing Sanctions on Foreign Persons Involved in the Global Illicit Drug Trade."

- DC Safe and Beautiful;
- Memphis Safe Task Force; and
- New Orleans Special Safety Mission.

These actions are necessary to defend America's sovereignty and curtail the threat to national security posed by drug trafficking. Due to years of neglect, our southern border was overrun by cartels, criminal gangs, known terrorists, human traffickers, smugglers, unvetted military-age males from foreign adversaries, and illicit narcotics that harm Americans. Moreover, the health and safety of our communities and citizens are threatened by the flow of illegal drugs. Due to the gravity and emergency of these present dangers and imminent threats, it is necessary for the Armed Forces to take all appropriate action to assist our Federal and State partners.



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The Under Secretary of War for Personnel and Readiness (USW(P&R)) is directed to incorporate members of the National Guard performing support under 32 U.S.C. § 502(f) for the above missions into appropriate Personnel and Pay Guidance for Reserve Component members.

The Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of the Air Force are directed to take necessary actions to ensure that members of the National Guard affected by this determination have a record of their eligibility for any associated entitlements or benefits, consistent with any implementation guidance issued by the USW(P&R).

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cc:
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Under Secretary of War (Comptroller)/
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