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**MILPER MESSAGE NUMBER : 06-044**  
**AHRC-EPR**  
**BONUS EXTENSION AND RETRAINING (BEAR) PROGRAM**  
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- A. MILPER MSG 05-147, AHRC-EPR, **23 JUN 05**, BONUS EXTENSION AND RETRAINING PROGRAM IS RESCINDED EFFECTIVE 9 MARCH 2006.
- B. MILPER MSG **06-042**, AHRC-EPR, ISSUED: 6 FEBRUARY 2006, SELECTIVE REENLISTMENT BONUS INVENTORY PROGRAM.
- C. AR 601-280, CHAP 6
1. THIS MILPER MESSAGE WILL EXPIRE NLT **31 DECEMBER 2006**
  2. THIS MILPER MESSAGE ANNOUNCES MOS ELIGIBLE FOR THE REGULAR ARMY ACTIVE COMPONENT **BEAR** PROGRAM.
  3. THIS MSG WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF ALL COMMANDERS, REENLISTMENT OFFICES, RECRUITERS, AND FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING OFFICES.
  4. ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE FOR DFAS AND USAREC: TO AVOID FUTURE CLAIMS OR ERRONEOUS UNFULFILLED COMMITMENTS, REQ CDR ENSURE FAOS, RECRUITERS AND MEPS PERSONNEL ARE KNOWLEDGEABLE OF THE CONTENTS OF THIS MESSAGE.
  5. THE NUMBER OF MONTHS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE REQUIRED BEFORE REACHING ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE AN SRB IS REDUCED TO 17 MONTHS. ZONE A INCLUDES SOLDIERS WHO HAVE BETWEEN 17 MONTHS AND 6 YEARS OF SERVICE AT TIME OF REENLISTMENT. ZONE B REMAINS THE SAME AT 6 TO 10 YEARS AT TIME OF REENLISTMENT. ZONE C REMAINS THE SAME AT 10 TO 14 YEARS OF SERVICE AT TIME OF REENLISTMENT. SOLDIERS WILL NOT BE PAID MORE THAN ONE BONUS PER ZONE.
  6. THE CRITERIA FOR ENTRY INTO THE **BEAR** PROGRAM CAN BE FOUND IN CHAPTER 6, AR 601-280.
    - (1) SOLDIERS UNDER THE **BEAR** PROGRAM INCLUDING THOSE WHO ATTEND TRAINING IN TDY AND RETURN STATUS MAY HAVE UP TO 24 MONTHS OF PREVIOUSLY OBLIGATED EXTENDED SERVICE WAIVED, PROVIDED THEY REENLIST WITHIN 90 DAYS AFTER GRADUATION.
    - (2) WHEN THE **BEAR** REENLISTMENT OPTION IS EXERCISED, THE FOLLOWING REENLISTMENT OPTION CODE MUST BE USED FOR E-MILPO ENTRIES: REGULAR ARMY REENLISTMENT OPTION (BONUS EXTENSION AND RETRAINING (**BEAR**) PROGRAM) (A000).

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7. THE FOLLOWING MOS ARE INCREASED OR ADDED TO THE **BEAR** PROGRAM EFFECTIVE **7 FEB 06**:

MOS /TITLE	SPC	SGT	SSG
13F FIRE SUPPORT SP	<b>3A</b>	<b>3A/3B/0</b>	<b>3A/3B/3C</b>
14J AD C4I TAC OPNS CEN ENH OP	<b>1A</b>	<b>1A/1.5B/0</b>	1A/1.5B/0.5C
19D CAVALRY SCOUT	1.5A	1.5A/1.5B/0	0.5A/0.5B/0
21U TOPOGRAPHIC ANALYST (SGT NON-P AND BELOW ONLY)	<b>2.5A</b>	1.5A/1.5B/0	0/0/0
31D CID SPECIAL AGENT (SGT NON-P ONLY)	0	1A/2B/1.5C	0/0/0
74D CHEM OPNS SP (SGT NON-P AND BELOW ONLY)	<b>1.5A</b>	<b>3A/2.5B/0</b>	0/0/0
88M MOTOR TRANSPORT OP (SGT NON-P AND BELOW ONLY)	<b>3A</b>	1.5A/1.5B/0	0/0/0
91W HEALTH CARE SP (SPC NON-P ONLY)	<b>3A</b>	0/0/0	0/0/0
92F PETROLEUM SUPPLY SP (SPC NON-P ONLY)	<b>2A</b>	0/0/0	0/0/0
92W WATER TREATMENT SP (SGT NON-P AND BELOW ONLY)	<b>3A</b>	<b>1.5A/1B/0</b>	0/0/0
96B INTELL ANALYST	2A	3A/3.5B/0	3A/3.5B/0
97E INTERROGATOR (SPC(P) THRU SSG DLAB > 100 OR DLPT 2/2 IN A CAT IV LANG)	<b>4.5A</b>	<b>4.5A/4.5B/4.5C</b>	<b>4.5A/4.5B/4.5C</b>
98G AD (ALL DIALECTS)	2A	2.5A/3B/0	2.5A/3B/0

8. THE FOLLOWING MOS HAS BEEN DECREASED EFFECTIVE 9 MAR 06.

21U TOPOGRAPHIC ANALYST	2.5A	<b>1A/1B/0</b>	0/0/0
88M MOTOR TRANSPORT OP	3A	<b>1.5A/1.5B/0</b>	0/0/0

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9. THE FOLLOWING MOS ARE IN THE BEAR PROGRAM AS OF 9 MAR 06.

(UPDATED ON 23 JUNE 2006)

MOS /TITLE	SPC	SGT	SSG
13F FIRE SUPPORT SP	3A	3A/3B/0	3A/3B/3C
<i>(Added 23 February 2006)</i> 13W FIELD ARTILLERY METEOROLOGICAL CREWMEMBER	2.5A	2A/2.5B/0	1A/1.5B/0
<i>(Added 23 June 2006)</i> 14E PATRIOT OP/MNT SPC(P) THRU SGT(P)	1.5A	1A/1.5B/0	0/0/0
14J AD C4I TAC OPNS CEN ENH OP	1A	1A/1.5B/0	1A/1.5B/0.5C
<i>(Added 23 June 2006)</i> 14E PATRIOT LS ENH OP/MNT SPC(P) THRU SGT(P)	2A	1.5A/1.5B/0	0/0/0
18B SF WEAPONS SERGEANT	3A	3A/3B/3C	3A/3B/3C
18C SF ENGINEER SERGEANT	3A	3A/3B/3C	3A/3B/3C
18D SF MED SERGEANT	4A	4A/4B/4C	4A/4B/4C
18E SF COMMO SERGEANT	4A	4A/4B/4C	4A/4B/4C
18F SF ASST OP/INTEL SGT (SSG ONLY)	0	0/0/0	0/0/4C
19D CAVALRY SCOUT	1.5A	1.5A/1.5B/0	0.5A/0.5B/0
21D DIVER (SPC NON-P AND BELOW ONLY)	2A	0/0/0	0/0/0
21U TOPO ANALYST (SGT NON-P AND BELOW ONLY)	2.5A	1A/1B/0	0/0/0
31D CID SPECIAL AGENT (SGT NON-P ONLY)	0	1A/2B/1.5C	0/0/0
74D CHEM OPNS SP (SGT NON-P AND BELOW ONLY)	1.5A	3A/2.5B/0	0/0/0
<i>(Added 2 May 2006)</i> 79R RECRUITER	0	3A/3B/3C	3A/3B/3C
88M MOTOR TRANSPORT OP (SGT NON-P AND BELOW ONLY)	3A	1.5A/1.5B/0	0/0/0
89D EOD SP (SPC (P) AND BELOW ONLY)	3.5A	0/0/0	0/0/0
91W HEALTH CARE SP (SPC NON-P ONLY)	3A	0/0/0	0/0/0
92F PETRO SUP SP (SPC NON-P ONLY)	2A	0/0/0	0/0/0
92W WATER TREATMENT SP (SGT NON-P AND BELOW ONLY)	3A	1.5A/1B/0	0/0/0
96B INTELLIGENCE ANALYST	2A	3A/3.5B/0	3A/3.5B/0
<i>(Decreased 23 June 2006)</i> 97E INTERROGATOR (SGT(P) THRU SSG DLAB OF > 100 OR DLPT 2/2 IN A CAT IV LANG)	0/0/0	4.5A/4.5B/4.5C	4.5A/4.5B/4.5C
98G VCE INTERCEPT w/ AD (ALL DIALECTS)	2A	2.5A/3B/0	2.5A/3B/0
98G VCE INTERCEPT w/ CM (SPC ONLY)	2A	0/0/0	0/0/0

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10. SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

A. A SOLDIER WILL NOT FORFEIT ANY PORTION OF AN SRB WHEN THE SOLDIER IS NO LONGER CLASSIFIED IN THE BONUS SPECIALTY WHEN THE SOLDIER IS RECLASSIFIED WITHIN THE SAME CMF OR INTO CMF 18, UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY DA HRC.

B. TOTAL SRB MAY NOT EXCEED AMOUNTS LISTED IN THE CURRENT SELECTIVE REENLISTMENT BONUS MESSAGE AT TIME OF REENLISTMENT. SOLDIER WILL BE PAID IN ACCORDANCE WITH BONUS MESSAGE IN EFFECT AT TIME OF EXTENSION OR REENLISTMENT WHICHEVER IS HIGHER. ALL BONUS PAYMENTS MADE UNDER THIS AND ALL BONUS MESSAGES WILL BE ON A LUMP SUM BASIS.

C. A MINIMUM REENLISTMENT TERM OF THREE YEARS IS STILL A REQUIREMENT FOR SRB ENTITLEMENT. A TWO-YEAR REENLISTMENT TERM DOES NOT ENTITLE A SOLDIER TO AN SRB.

D. SOLDIERS WHO HOLD MOS 98G AS THEIR PMOS AND WHO RETRAIN INTO ANOTHER LANGUAGE MAY REENLIST UPON COMPLETION OF TRAINING IN THE NEW LANGUAGE AND RECEIVE AN SRB PROVIDED OTHERWISE QUALIFIED. SOLDIERS MUST GRADUATE FROM THE ASSOCIATED AIT TO MAINTAIN ENTITLEMENT TO THE SRB.

E. INFORMATION ON TAXABLE INCOME CAN BE FOUND IN TABLE 44-1, CHAPTER 44, VOLUME 7A OF THE DODFMR.

11. SOLDIERS WITH QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO BONUSES AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS ADDRESSED IN THIS MESSAGE SHOULD CONTACT THEIR SERVICING CAREER COUNSELORS. SERVICING CAREER COUNSELORS WITH QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS MESSAGE SHOULD CONTACT YOUR APPROPRIATE MACOM RETENTION OFFICE FOR CLARIFICATION. HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND, ALEXANDRIA, VA, POC IS SFC NAGLE, DSN 221-6924.