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★ CHAPTER 14 ★

SPECIAL PAY OR BONUS-QUALIFIED ENLISTED MEMBERS EXTENDING DUTY AT DESIGNATED LOCATIONS OVERSEAS

1401 CONDITIONS OF ENTITLEMENT

140101. Enlisted Members. At the discretion of the Secretary of the Military Department concerned, enlisted members may be entitled either to a special pay or bonus provided they meet all of the following conditions:

- A. Entitled to basic pay
- B. Possess a specialty that is designated by the Secretary concerned for the purposes of this entitlement
- C. Have completed an overseas tour of duty, including previously approved extensions, at a location outside the continental United States that is designated by the Secretary concerned
- D. Have executed, at the end of that tour of duty, an agreement to extend the tour of duty for a period of not less than 1 year.

140102. Officers. Officers are not eligible for this entitlement.

1402 TYPES OF ENTITLEMENT

140201. When the Secretary of the Military Department concerned accepts the member's agreement to extend the tour of duty, the member becomes entitled, at the election of the Secretary, either to:

- A. Special Pay in monthly installments in an amount prescribed by the Secretary, but not to exceed \$80 per month; or
- B. An annual bonus in an amount prescribed by the Secretary, but not to exceed \$2,000 per year. The Secretary concerned may pay the bonus in either a lump sum or monthly installments.

140202. The member may elect to receive a period of special rest and recuperative (SR&R) absence instead of the special pay or bonus described in subparagraphs 140201.A and B, if permitted by the Secretary concerned. If SR&R is elected and granted, the member may not receive any special pay or bonus under this chapter for the same extension period.

140203. The payment rate for the special pay or bonus shall be fixed at the time of the agreement and may not be changed during the period of the extended tour of duty.

1403 TERMINATION OF SPECIAL PAY

140301. Voluntary early termination of overseas duty will result in termination of further monthly special pay under this chapter. A member's entitlement ceases on the day of PCS departure from the overseas area if the departure is the result of actions taken by or under the control of the member.

140302. Involuntary early termination of overseas duty will not affect monthly special pay awarded under this chapter. A member's entitlement continues through the scheduled termination date if the PCS departure from the overseas area is the result of actions taken by the Military Service concerned.

1404 TERMINATION AND RECOUPMENT OF BONUS

140401. Voluntary or involuntary early termination of overseas duty of a member in receipt of a bonus requires termination of further monthly installments and recoupment of the unearned portion of installments or lump sum payments. The Secretary of the Military Department concerned may waive the obligation of a member to reimburse the United States if the Secretary determines that conditions and circumstances warrant the waiver.

140402. Recoupment of the unearned portion of a bonus will be 1/12 of the bonus amount for each month or portion of a month not served. A member receives credit only for full months served.

140403. A discharge in bankruptcy under Title 11, U.S.C (reference (aj)), that is entered less than 5 years after termination of a bonus extension agreement under this chapter, does not relieve a member from the refund provisions of this section.

1405 SERVICE REGULATIONS

140501. The following individual service regulations provide additional information:

- A. Army. AR 614-30 (reference (dz)).
- B. Navy: SECNAVINST 1306.3 (reference (ag)).
- C. Air Force: DFAS-DEM 7073-1 (reference (ea)).
- D. Marine Corps. MCO 7220.42 (reference (af)).