

CHAPTER 30

OFFICERS' UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT ALLOWANCE3001 ENTITLEMENT

Effective 15 September 1981, officers are entitled to an initial uniform allowance upon call to active duty or active duty for training as prescribed by this chapter.

3002 INITIAL UNIFORM ALLOWANCE

The officers referred to in section 3001 are entitled to an initial uniform allowance under the conditions shown below:

300201. When Payable. Except as provided in E, below, the initial uniform allowance is payable only once to an officer:

A. Upon first reporting for active duty (other than for training) for a period of more than 90 days.

B. Upon completing at least 14 days' active duty or active duty for training as a member of a Reserve component.

C. When an officer commissioned in a Regular component after 12 October 1964 upon ROTC graduation, enters on duty as a Regular officer (the member is considered then to have entered on active duty for more than 90 days).

D. Upon reporting for the first period of active duty required of a member of the Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program; or

E. Upon transfer to another Reserve component that requires a different uniform, a Reserve officer may receive another initial uniform allowance. Regular officers may not receive this allowance when transferring to another Service.

300202. Amounts Payable. Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine Corps—All officer personnel commissioned or appointed in the Regular or Reserve components are authorized \$200 regardless of source of commission or previous enlisted status.

300203. Restrictions

A. If a member has received an initial uniform allowance in any amount as an officer under conditions other than those listed in subparagraphs 300201A, B, C or D above, the member cannot again be entitled to the initial uniform allowance.

B. Only periods of duty which require wearing of the uniform are counted for entitlement to the initial uniform allowance.

C. An officer must be determined physically qualified for active duty before entitlement to an initial uniform allowance accrues.

3003 ADDITIONAL ACTIVE DUTY UNIFORM ALLOWANCE

Officers of Reserve components, officers of the Army or Air Force of the United States without components, and ROTC graduates appointed in the Regular components after 12 October 1964 are entitled to an additional active duty uniform allowance of \$100 as provided in this paragraph. This allowance is to pay for additional uniforms required while they are on active duty or active duty for training.

300301. When Payable

A. This allowance is payable each time of entry or reentry on active duty, or active duty for training (including authorized travel time) for more than 90 days. The period served may be under orders specifying active duty for more than 90 days, or under two or more orders requiring a continuous period of more than 90 days' active duty.

B. An officer commissioned in a Regular component after 12 October 1964 upon ROTC graduation accrues entitlement to the allowance on commencement of duty as a regular officer. (The officer is considered then to have entered on active duty for more than 90 days.)

300302. Restrictions

A. This allowance is not payable if the officer has received an initial uniform allowance of more than \$200 during the current tour of active duty, or within a period of 2 years before entering on that tour.

B. This allowance is not payable when the tour of duty for which payment is being considered began within 2 years after the end of a previous period of active duty, or active duty for training, of more than 90 days. This applies whether or not a uniform allowance was paid for the previous tour of duty. It applies only if the prior service was performed as a Reserve officer, as an officer of the Army or Air Force of the United States without component, or as a Regular officer commissioned upon ROTC graduation after 12 October 1964.

C. An officer of a Reserve component or of the Army or Air Force of the United States without component is not due this allowance solely because of appointment therein or transfer thereto.

D. A Reserve officer ordered to an indefinite tour of active duty, or active duty for training, is not entitled to this allowance until the member completes more than 90 days of that tour.

E. Only periods of duty requiring the wearing of the uniform are counted for entitlement to the \$100 allowance prescribed in this paragraph.

F. To be entitled under this paragraph, an officer must be determined physically qualified for active duty.

300303. Computation of 2-Year Period. Compute the 2-year period during which no active duty or active duty for training was performed as follows:

A. When an officer is ordered to active duty, or active duty for training, for a period of more than 90 days, the 2-year period begins on the day following the day of release from active duty or active duty for training.

Example 1: A Reserve officer was ordered to active duty for training under orders specifying a

92-day tour of duty to begin 1 March 1965, and to end 31 May 1965. Member was actually released from active duty for training 31 May 1965. The 2-year period begins 1 June 1965. Entitlement to the next \$100 additional active duty uniform allowance accrues if the officer is called to active duty or active duty for training for a period of more than 90 days on or after 1 June 1967.

Example 2: If the officer in Example 1 served 35 days of a tour of active duty under orders specifying duty of more than 90 days, and was released from active duty for training 4 April 1965, the 2-year period starts 5 April 1965. Entitlement to the next \$100 additional active duty uniform allowance accrues if the officer is called to active duty or active duty for training, for a period of more than 90 days on or after 5 April 1967. Refund of allowance, or any portion thereof, is not required since entitlement was based on reporting for active duty for a period of more than 90 days.

Example 3: If the officer in Example 1 actually served 120 days in the tour of active duty for training because the orders were extended, and was released from active duty 28 June 1965, the 2-year period starts 29 June 1965. Entitlement to the next \$100 additional active duty uniform allowance accrues if this officer is called to active duty, or active duty for training, on or after 29 June 1967, for a period in excess of 90 days.

B. When an officer is ordered to active duty for training for an indefinite period, and serves more than 90 days, the 2-year period begins on the day following the day of release from active duty.

Example 4: A Reserve officer was ordered to active duty for training for an indefinite period to begin 1 March 1965. Member was released from active duty 1 July 1965. On the 91st day of duty (30 May 1965), member was entitled to the \$100 allowance as of the first day of duty (1 March 1965), if other conditions of entitlement were met. The 2-year period starts 2 July 1965. Entitlement to the next \$100 additional active duty uniform allowance accrues if the officer is called to active duty or active duty for training, for a period of more than 90 days on or after 2 July 1967.

Example 5: If the Reserve officer in Example 4 has been released from active duty 4 April 1965,

after serving only 35 days, member would not be entitled to the \$100 additional active duty uniform allowance for that period of active duty for training.

C. When an officer is separated from a Regular component, and is later appointed an officer in a Reserve component and ordered to active duty, or active duty for training for more than 90 days, the 2-year period restriction in subparagraph 300302B does not apply. Exception: Regular officers appointed upon completion of ROTC training after 12 October 1964.

Example 6: An officer is separated from a Regular component on 30 June 1965 and is appointed an officer in a Reserve component on 1 July 1965. Then member reports for active duty for more than 90 days on 1 May 1967. Member would be entitled to the \$100 additional active duty uniform allowance when reporting on the present tour of active duty, since the previous tour was as a Regular officer.

3004 DETERMINATIONS

300401. An officer reporting for active duty for the first time who meets the requirements for entitlement to the initial uniform allowance and the additional active duty uniform allowance, is entitled to receive both allowances.

300402. An officer who receives, or has previously received, an initial uniform allowance as an officer under any conditions other than those listed in subparagraphs 300201A, B, C or D is not eligible to receive the initial uniform allowance upon transfer to or appointment in a Reserve component or the Army or Air Force of the United States without component.

300403. A Reserve officer who receives, or has previously received, an initial uniform allowance under the conditions listed in subparagraphs 300201A, B, C, or D and again qualifies for the initial uniform allowance and/or the additional active duty uniform allowance by meeting the basic requirements of this chapter, is eligible to receive the \$200 initial and/or the \$100 additional allowance upon transfer to, or appointment in, another Reserve component or the Army or Air Force of the United States without component, if the wearing of a different uniform is required.

300404. If otherwise eligible, a Reserve officer is entitled to be paid the additional active duty uniform allowance even if the member has not received an initial uniform allowance.

3005 CIVILIAN CLOTHING MONETARY ALLOWANCE

300501. Special Initial Allowance. Officers assigned to a permanent duty station outside the United States, who are required to wear civilian , clothing all or a substantial portion of the time in the performance of official duty, may be authorized an initial allowance for civilian clothing.

300502. Extension of Overseas Consecutive Tour

A. Officers who voluntarily extend their tours or who are directed to remain in the assignment requiring the wearing of civilian clothing for at least an additional 6 months, are authorized 20 percent of the initial tour length payment at the current fiscal year rate.

B. Officers who voluntarily extend their tours or who are directed to remain in the assignment requiring the wearing of civilian clothing for at least an additional 12 months, are authorized 30 percent of the initial tour length payment at the current fiscal year rate.

C. Officers who have received an initial civilian clothing allowance for duties performed at an overseas permanent duty station and who are ordered to a consecutive permanent overseas assignment requiring the wearing of civilian clothing are authorized 50 percent of the allowance for the latter tour assignment at the current fiscal year rate.

300503. Continuing Allowance. Officers who are required to wear civilian clothing on a continuing basis and who are not eligible for an allowance on the basis of tour extensions or consecutive assignments, are authorized a continuing civilian clothing allowance. This allowance is authorized for officers who remain in the assignment for which he or she received an initial clothing allowance and is payable on or after each 3-year anniversary date of the initial allowance. The amount shall be 50 percent of the current maximum initial allowance.

300504. Temporary Duty Allowance. Officers assigned to a permanent duty station outside the United States maybe authorized a temporary duty civilian clothing allowance when assigned to temporary duty outside the United States where the wearing of civilian clothing is required all or a substantial portion of the time in the performance of official duty. An officer who has not received the maximum amount payable for temporary duty due to the length of his or her first assignment, who later performs additional temporary duty that qualifies for a larger payment, is authorized payment of the difference between the two amounts. Prorated payments will be based on the maximum fiscal year rate in effect at the time of payment. Total payments during a three year period may not exceed the maximum temporary duty allowance reflected in table 29-3.

300505. Definition The phrase “substantial portion of the time” shall be defined in accordance with Service regulations but may not be defined as less than 50 percent of the time.

300506. Rates payable The rates payable for civilian clothing monetary allowances may not exceed those in table 29-3. These are the maximum rates authorized. Original entitlement was effective 4 December 1987. Officers were not authorized these allowances for any period prior to such dates.

300507. References. The following Service directives contain detail on entitlement policy, procedures, and rates payable:

A. Army --AR 700-84 (reference (ax))

B. Navy --NAVMILPERSMAN (reference (an))

*C. Air Force --DFAS-DEM 177-373 volume I (reference (ap)), DFAS-DEM 177-373 volume II (reference (ap)), and AFI 36-3014 (reference (be)).

D. Marine Corps --MCO-10120 (reference (bf))

300508. Allowance Adjustment (1 October 1988 through 30 September 1989). Officers who received a lesser initial allowance for this period than currently authorized by this paragraph, and shown in the table 29-3 and who are still assigned to duty requiring the wearing of civilian clothing, are authorized an amount that equals the difference between the amount previously paid and the new rate.