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SUBJECT: Streamlined Process for Continuation of Officers on the Reserve Active Status List
(RASL)

This directive-type memorandum implements section 14701(a) of title 10, United States Code (U.S.C.), as amended by section 511 of Public Law 108-136, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004, November 24, 2003. As amended, this section of law provides that an officer on the RASL who is required to be removed from the RASL under section 14505, 14506 or 14507 of title 10, U.S.C., may, subject to the needs of the Service and to section 14509 of that title, be considered for continuation on the RASL under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense. Section 14701 of title 10, U.S.C., no longer requires the convening of a selection board to consider officers for continuation.

It is DoD policy to retain competent and effective officers through the selective continuation of those qualified commissioned officers on the RASL whose military service would otherwise be terminated by reason of failure of selection for promotion. The Secretaries of the Military Departments shall establish procedures consistent with the needs of the Military Service concerned to implement this policy. Reserve commissioned officers of the Army National Guard of the United States and the Air National Guard of the United States may not be continued on the RASL without the consent of the Governor concerned.

This memorandum is effective immediately. Department of Defense Directive (DODD) 1320.8, "Continuation of Regular Commissioned Officers on Active Duty and Reserve Commissioned Officer on the Reserve Active Status List," will be revised in the next 180 days to incorporate the policy in this memorandum. This directive-type memorandum supercedes those current provisions of DODD 1320.8 that are inconsistent with the guidance set forth above. The point of contact in the Office of the Secretary of Defense is Major Michael Lynch, USMC, (703) 695-6334.



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