

**DEPARTMENT OF
Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management
23 Blue Star Avenue
Augusta, Maine 04333-0033**

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02 January 2020

MEMORANDUM THRU Commander, ASSIGNED UNIT ADDRESS

FOR RANK NAME, xxx-xx-XXXX, HOME ADDRESS

SUBJECT: Notification of Eligibility for Retired Pay for Non-Regular Service (20 Years)

1. You have completed the required years of service and will be eligible for retired pay upon your application at age 60 unless you qualify for a reduced eligibility age in accordance with Title 10, U.S. Code, Section 12731(f). Your eligibility is based upon the enclosed NGB Form 23A, Army National Guard Current Annual Statement.
2. You are not entitled to retired pay under Title 10, U.S. Code, Section 12731 if you are now or later become entitled to retired pay from an armed force under any other provision of law or to retainer pay as a member of the Fleet Reserve or Fleet Marine Corps Reserve.
3. Your eligibility for retired pay may not be denied or revoked on the basis of any error, miscalculation, misinformation, or administrative determination of years of creditable service performed unless it resulted directly from fraud or misrepresentation on your part. However, the number of years of creditable service on which your retired pay is computed may be adjusted to correct any error, miscalculation, misinformation, or administrative determination. When such correction is made you will be eligible for retired pay according to the number of years of creditable service, as corrected, from the date retired pay is granted.
4. You are eligible to participate in the Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan (RCSBP). The RCSBP will provide an annuity based on your retired pay to a surviving spouse, spouse and dependent child or children, child or children only, or a person with an insurable interest in you.
 - a. Upon receipt of this Notification of Eligibility, if you are married, or have a dependent child you will automatically be enrolled in accordance with Title 10, U.S.C. Section 1448(a)(2)(B) in the RCSBP under option C (Immediate Annuity), Spouse and Child(ren), based on full retired pay unless you elect different or no coverage within 90 days after the date you receive this notification. If you are married on the date of your election, and you elect less than full and immediate coverage, your spouse's

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concurrence is required by law. That concurrence will be recorded in section IX of DD Form 2656-5 (Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan (RCSBP) Election Certificate), and the signature must be notarized.

b. Single Soldiers are not required or permitted to make an election in the Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan (RCSBP) unless they meet one of the options in the written materials provided with their NOEs.

c. You must complete and return the enclosed DD Form 2656-5 to the address in the letterhead. We will retain a copy of your completed election with a copy of this notification in your iPERMS and State records. Detailed information on the RCSBP program and its estimated cost is enclosed. You may contact us with questions on the RCSBP.

5. You may be eligible for Veterans' Group Life Insurance (VGLI) when you leave active status. The Office of Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance has information on SGLI and VGLI at <http://www.insurance.va.gov/sgliSITE/miscellaneous/contact.htm> or you may call them at 1-800-419-1473.

FOR THE CHIEF, NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU:

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1. NGB Form 23B (RPAM History Statement)
2. DD Form 2656-5
3. Handouts

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