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MEMORANDUM FOR All Members of the Army and Air National Guard

SUBJECT: (MDNG Policy #15-NGMD-AG-SJA-002) Maryland National Guard Drug Testing Policy

1. References:

- a. AR 600-85, Army Substance Abuse Program (dated 02 Dec 09)
- b. AFI 90-507, Drug Abuse Testing Program (dated 22 Sep 14)

2. Soldiers and Airmen of the Maryland National Guard must be drug free in order to maintain the highest standards of performance, safety, and military discipline necessary to achieve the level of readiness required to accomplish vital state and federal missions. Both the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard have been tasked with the requirement to test 100% of the Army National Guard's end-strength in FY 2016 and 100% of the Air National Guard end strength. This requirement is in addition to the mandatory annual testing of 100% of those personnel listed in AR 600-85 and AFI 90-507.

3. Army unit commanders are responsible for testing their units under the State's decentralized drug testing program. Every company/detachment sized unit will have no less than 2 certified unit prevention leaders (UPLs) to conduct annual drug testing. UPLs must include at least 1 AGR and 1 M-Day Soldier E-5 or above per unit. Training, support and oversight will be facilitated by the Counterdrug Task Force and Drug Testing Coordinators. Drug testing metrics will be tracked and discussed during all MSC and G3/J3 training and commander's readiness briefs.

4. AR 600-85 mandates that Soldiers in certain MOSs are subject to annual 100% by name drug testing:

- a. Aviation Series MOS/Branch (15 Series-Officer/Enlisted, 150-155 WO, 67J, (Flight Medics, Gunners, "special detailed" into Aviation mission)

- b. Military Police 31 Series (31 A, B, D, E)

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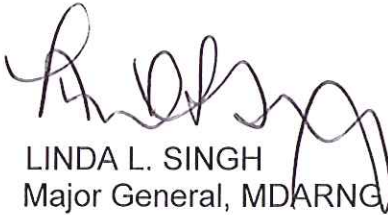
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- c. Medical MOS/Branch (68D, E, K, P, Q, W, X and 67E, F, G, 71E, 62C, 73A, B)
- d. MOS 92R Parachute Riggers
- e. MOS 21M Firefighters
- f. All Soldiers appointed as UPLs (Unit Prevention Leaders)

5. NGB's definitive goal is to test 100% of the total force. To increase our percentage without adversely impacting unit readiness, the state has implemented decentralized testing effective this fiscal year. Decentralized testing will enable Army commanders to have control of when, where and how often they test their units. Commanders will be responsible and accountable for executing drug testing IAW regulations.

6. The MD Army National Guard's goal should be to test 10% monthly or 25% quarterly of total strength. The MD Air National Guard's goal should be to test 9% monthly or 25% quarterly of their total strength. To achieve 100 % annual testing, need based testing schedules may be set by individual units. As we move forward, everyone's support and cooperation is necessary to achieve our goals. A copy of this policy memorandum will be posted on all unit bulletin boards. This policy will be updated annually and commanders shall ensure the most recent policy is utilized.

7. Point of contact and action officer for this memorandum is LTC Dave Moon, Counterdrug Task Force Commander, 410-576-6137 or email arland.d.moon.mil@mail.mil.



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