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Commander's Note #7

FROM: JFHQ AKNG/OTAG

SUBJECT: Training, Drill Attendance, Fitness Activities and Testing Suspension due to COVID-19

1. References:

- a. ANGI 36-2001, Management of Training and Operational Support within the Air National Guard, 30 April 2019
- b. AFI 36-3203, Service Retirements, 18 September 2015
- c. AR 350-1, Army Training and Leader Development, 12 October 2017
- d. AR 135-200, Active Duty for Missions, Projects, and Training for Reserve Component Soldiers, 26 September 2017
- e. AKNGI 1419.11, Telework Policy, 25 June 2019
- f. DoDI 1215.07, Enclosure 3, Service Credit for Non-Regular Retirement, 24 Jan 2013 (Incorporating Chg 1, 23 September 2013)
- g. All States Log (P10-0007) Memorandum from Chief, National Guard Bureau, to State Adjutant Generals, subject: National Guard Title 32 Telework Policy Guide, 23 March 2010
- h. AF MyPers Message ID 46625, 17 March 2020, Fitness Guidance due to Coronavirus (COVID-19)
- i. HQDA EXORD 219-18, 13 July 2018, Implementation of the Army Combat Fitness Test.

2. Training and Drill Attendance. Effective immediately, consolidated drill assemblies and other organized training events involving large groups are suspended until further notice. Determination for future drill/training events will be evaluated based on the developing COVID-19 CDC and NGB guidance. ATAGs are encouraged to develop alternative training methods, (e.g., telework options, computer-based training, equivalent training, etc.) to satisfy drill requirements. Members will work with their leadership team to address individual creditable year service point concerns.

3. The ATAGs retain the ability to make exceptions to this plan as they determine necessary to ensure mission readiness and response. Guidance for units that are pending deployment or mobilization will reside with their respective components. Focus on state and federal mission execution is critical.

4. Fitness Activities and Testing Suspension. Effective immediately, all group physical training sessions of 10 or more individuals is prohibited for all members in an active or inactive National Guard status. As physical fitness is an individual responsibility, it is

highly encouraged for each member maintain their individual training program that emphasizes total fitness optimizing their health and maintaining personal and organizational readiness. Components will follow Service specific guidance as it refers to physical fitness testing and documentation. Air Force testing is suspended until 1 June. Army criteria is under review.

5. Exception to policy for physical fitness tests required for promotion, hire, or school attendance will be submitted to Wing/Brigade Commander for approval.

6. Point of contact for this Commander's Note is CMSgt Winfield Hinkley, Command Senior Enlisted Leader, AKNG-CSEL, winfield.s.hinkley.mil@mail.mil, 907-428-6052.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Torrence W. Saxe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

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The Adjutant General