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## **BENEFIT SUPPORT CENTER BONUS NOTES**



### **SRIP CHANGES**

**New Bonus Policy Memorandum in Effect** – NGB-ARH PM 02-01 which took effect on 1 Oct 01 establishes new criteria for the Selected Reserve Incentive Program. This new policy remains in effect through 31 March 2002. Commanders at all levels are required to ensure that the program is managed efficiently and effectively to preclude fraud, waste and abuse or mismanagement.

**CAT I-IIIA Requirement Changes to CAT I-IIIB** - The previous requirement for a minimum score of 50 on the AFQT for potential applicants coming into the MEARNNG to receive a bonus has been changed to 31 or above. This does not apply to the SLRP however. Applicants still must maintain a score of 50 or higher to be eligible for the SLRP.

**Bonus Changes for 1 Oct 01** – Along with the new policy have come new changes not only in the types of incentives we will offer but in the amounts and payment schedules as well. Please see your unit representatives for a list of the available incentives which took effect on 1 Oct 01. You could potentially qualify for one or more of these packages.

**195<sup>th</sup> Army Band Added to Eligible Bonus Listing** - Effective 1 Oct 01 the 195<sup>th</sup> Army Band is eligible to recruit candidates and offer them an enlistment bonus of up to \$5,000.00 for joining there unit. Hopefully this will help the band in their recruiting needs.

**OVER-Strength Policy for SRIP Participants** – NGB-ARH policy memorandum 01-01, dated 25 Jan 2001 prohibits any soldiers who are participating in the Incentive program from being in an excess DPOS. Soldiers participating in any incentive **MUST** be the primary holder of their contracted duty position(s). Soldier's who were placed in excess duty positions prior to 25 January 2001 because of previous guidance put out regarding this subject and are participating in the incentive program will be honored. However, it is advised that these soldiers be identified and placed in a valid position vacancy for their MOS as soon as possible. Federal Law(s) prohibit placing soldiers who are participating in one or more Federally funded incentive programs from being placed in an excess DPOS unless due to re-alignment or reorganization and even then the soldiers must be placed IAW NGR 600-7.

**Thinking of Changing your Unit or MOS?** - You may want to think again. If you are participating in a Federally Funded Incentive program for the MEARNNG, you are prohibited from changing your unit or MOS for which you contracted unless the reason(s) you are doing so are IAW NGR 600-7 and your incentive contract(s). Please call me or see your unit representative before making any decision and have your Incentive contract(s) ready to refer to. It may cost you if you don't. **Soldier's activated as a result of a presidential call-up will continue in the incentive program without penalty. This includes soldier serving in-state or over seas.**