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SUBJECT: Implementation of the Prior Service Basic Combat Training Course

1. References:

- a. Army Directive 2011-02, "Initial Entry Training for Prior Service Personnel," 3 February 2011.
- b. Army Regulation (AR) 350-1 (Army Training and Leader Development), 19 August 2014.
- c. AR 601-210 (Regular Army and Reserve Components Enlistment Program), 31 August 2016.
- d. Headquarters, Department of the Army (HQDA) Execute Order (EXORD) 097-17, "In Support of NDAA FY17 Increase in End Strength Initiative."
- e. 10 U.S.C. § 671.
- f. Memorandum, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC), ATTG, 1 March 2017, subject: Exception to Policy to Conduct Prior Service Modified Basic Combat Training.

2. HQDA Deputy Chief of Staff (DCS), G-3/5/7 and DCS, G-1 approves an exception to policy for one year to AR 350-1, paragraph 3-28, and AR 601-210, paragraphs 3-18 and 5-16, respectively, for prior service personnel requiring to attend Basic Combat Training (BCT). Prior service personnel required to attend BCT currently, will now attend a Prior Service Basic Combat Training (PSBCT) course. The development and implementation of this course is in support of the End Strength Initiative outlined in reference 1.d. above. HQDA DCS, G-1 estimates the initial surge of prior service accessions to add an additional ~1,500 Soldiers to the force.

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3. This PSBCT Course will be 6 weeks in duration and conducted at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. The 6-week course will substitute for cases where the 10-week BCT course was required for prior service personnel.

4. To meet the 12-week basic training requirement of 10 U.S.C § 671 before an overseas assignment, Commander, TRADOC, or Director, Army National Guard will ensure all prior service recruits attend a follow-on military occupational specialty (MOS) qualification course 6 weeks or more in length. Prior service personnel may be awarded up to 6 weeks of equivalent or constructive credit for basic training based on training received or time served from previous service. Requests must be submitted pursuant to AR 350-1, paragraph 3-20b. This 12-week requirement will be met for prior service applicants enlisting in the Reserve Component, who complete PSBCT and are required to attend additional training because their specialty does not convert to an Army MOS.

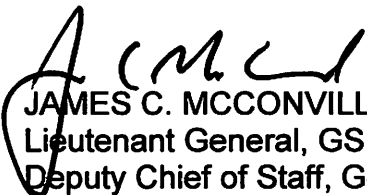
5. The PSBCT course will be required for those prior service personnel:


- a. Having more than a 3-year break in service, or
- b. Having completed basic training from the Navy, Air Force, or Coast Guard, regardless of the length in break in service.

6. Prior service personnel with less than a 3-year break in service, that completed the following training, are not required to attend BCT or PSBCT.

- a. Army BCT.
- b. Marine Corps BCT.
- c. Air Force special operations training or security police training.
- d. Navy special operations training.

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