

MILPER MESSAGE NUMBER : 05-273
AHRC-PED-S
LINE OF DUTY (LOD) POST DEPLOYMENT HEALTH
REASSESSMENT POLICY
Issued: [11/03/2005]

REFERENCES.

A. MILPER MESSAGE 04-341, 28 JUN 03, SUBJECT: LINE OF DUTY (LOD) CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS POLICY.

B. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR HEALTH AFFAIRS MEMORANDUM, DATED 10 MARCH 2005, SUBJECT: POST-DEPLOYMENT HEALTH REASSESSMENT PROGRAM.

1. THIS MESSAGE SUPPLEMENTS AR 600-8-4, LINE OF DUTY POLICY, PROCEDURES, AND INVESTIGATIONS AND WILL EXPIRE 30 NOVEMBER 2007.

2. RESERVE COMPONENT SOLDIERS (USAR AND ARNG) WHO HAVE RETURNED FROM DEPLOYMENT IN A COMBAT ZONE (OIF/OEF) MUST BE EVALUATED BY A MEDICAL PROVIDER (PHYSICIAN, PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT OR NURSE PRACTITIONER) DURING THE COMPLETION OF A POST-DEPLOYMENT HEALTH REASSESSMENT (PDHRA). IF THE PDHRA SCREENING REVEALS A NEED FOR MEDICAL CONSULTATION, A DA FORM 2173, STATEMENT OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND DUTY STATUS WILL BE PROCESSED.

3. THE DA FORM 2173, STATEMENT OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND DUTY STATUS WILL BE INITIATED AND COMPLETED AS PART OF THE PDHRA PROCESS.

A. PART I, WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE MEDICAL PROVIDER AS IDENTIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 2.

B. SECTION 10, WILL SPECIFY "THIS MEDICAL EVALUATION WILL BE COMPLETED IAW SECDEF PDHRA DIRECTIVE."

C. SECTION 30, "SOLDIER REQUIRES FURTHER MEDICAL EVALUATION IAW WITH PDHRA DIRECTIVE."

D. PART II OF DA 2173 WILL BE SIGNED BY THE UNIT COMMANDER OR HIS/HER DESIGNEE. THE SIGNATURE VERIFIES THE SOLDIER'S PARTICIPATION IN A CONTINGENCY OPERATION.

4. A REVIEW WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE RESERVE COMPONENT MEDICAL AUTHORITY (READY RESERVE COMPONENT SURGEON, STATE SURGEON OR DESIGNEE) OF THE RESULTS OF THE MEDICAL EVALUATION REFERENCED IN PARAGRAPH 3. A NEW DA 2173, STATEMENT OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND DUTY STATUS WILL BE INITIATED AND COMPLETED TO DOCUMENT THE FINDING OF IN THE LINE OF DUTY (ILOD). IF THE DETERMINATION IS NOT IN THE LINE OF DUTY (NLD) A DD FORM 261 (FORMAL LOD) MUST BE INITIATED.

A. PART I, OF THE NEW DA 2173 WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE MEDICAL PROVIDER AS IDENTIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 2.

B. BLOCK 10, OF THE NEW DA 2173 WILL SPECIFY "THIS MEDICAL TREATMENT WILL BE COMPLETED IAW SECDEF PDHRA DIRECTIVE."

C. BLOCK 15, OF THE NEW DA 2173 WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE RC MEDICAL AUTHORITY. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE RC MEDICAL AUTHORITY: "THE SOLDIER WILL RECEIVE MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR (LIST DIAGNOSIS) WHICH WAS IDENTIFIED THROUGH THE PDHRA SCREENING PROCESS AS DUTY RELATED."

D. BLOCK 30, OF THE NEW DA 2173 "SOLDIER REQUIRES MEDICAL CARE FOR A CONDITION IDENTIFIED IAW SECDEF PDHRA DIRECTIVE."

E. PART II OF THE NEW DA 2173 WILL BE SIGNED BY THE FIRST GENERAL COURT MARTIAL CONVENING AUTHORITY OR HIS/HER DESIGNEE.

5. POINT OF CONTACT. MRS. COURDUFF AT ARMY CASUALTY AND MEMORIAL AFFAIRS OPERATIONS CENTER (CMAOC), DSN 221-5302, COMMERCIAL (703)325-5302 OR BY FAX AT EXTENSION - 1844. EMAIL ADDRESS: GISELA.COURDUFF@HOFFMAN.ARMY.MIL

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