

**UNCLASSIFIED/****Subject:** ALARACT 212/2013 - EXTENDING BENEFITS TO SAME-SEX SPOUSES OF SOLDIERS**Originator:** /C=US/O=U.S. GOVERNMENT/OU=DOD/OU=ARMY/OU=ORGANIZATIONS/L=CONUS/L=WASHINGTON  
DC/OU=USAITA(UC)/OU=ALARACT RELEASE AUTHORITY(UC)**DTG:** 302000Z Aug 13 **Precedence:** PRIORITY **DAC:** General**To:** /C=US/O=U.S. GOVERNMENT/OU=DOD/OU=AUTODIN PLAS/OU=AIG 6-AZ/OU=ALARACT  
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SUBJECT: EXTENDING BENEFITS TO SAME-SEX SPOUSES OF SOLDIERS

## 1. REFERENCES:

A. MEMORANDUM, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, 13 AUG 13, SUBJECT:  
EXTENDING BENEFITS TO THE SAME-SEX SPOUSES OF MILITARY MEMBERS.B. MEMORANDUM, UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, 13 AUG 13,  
SUBJECT: FURTHER GUIDANCE ON EXTENDING BENEFITS TO SAME-SEX SPOUSES  
OF MILITARY MEMBERS.2. SOLDIERS AND COMMANDERS ARE REMINDED IT IS THE POLICY OF THE  
DEPARTMENT TO TREAT ALL MARRIED SOLDIERS EQUALLY. IT IS THE  
RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SOLDIER TO UPDATE HIS/HER PERSONNEL RECORD  
WITH THE APPROPRIATE SPOUSE INFORMATION AND WHERE APPLICABLE ENROLL  
ELIGIBLE SPOUSES AND DEPENDENTS IN THE RESPECTIVE ARMY PROGRAMS  
(MARRIED ARMY COUPLES PROGRAM, EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY MEMBER PROGRAM,  
ETC) .3. ID CARDS: SAME-SEX SPOUSES ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE ID CARDS AS  
OF 3 SEP 13. ADDING A SAME-SEX SPOUSE TO DEERS WILL FOLLOW THE SAME  
PROCEDURES AS ADDING AN OPPOSITE-SEX SPOUSE.A. THE MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE IS THE REQUIRED DOCUMENT THAT MUST BE  
PRESENTED FOR PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY FOR RAPIDS/DEERS  
BENEFITS/ENTITLEMENTS.B. FOR SAME-SEX COUPLES MARRIED BEFORE OR ON 26 JUN 13, THE  
EFFECTIVE DATE OF BENEFITS/ENTITLEMENTS IS 26 JUN 13.C. FOR SAME-SEX COUPLES MARRIED AFTER 26 JUNE 13 THE EFFECTIVE DATE  
OF BENEFITS/ENTITLEMENTS IS THE ACTUAL DATE OF MARRIAGE.4. MARRIAGE LEAVE FOR SAME-SEX COUPLES: COMMANDERS WILL CALL THE  
ARMY STAFF POINTS OF CONTACT LISTED IN PARAGRAPH 7, FOR ADDITIONAL  
GUIDANCE BEFORE APPROVING A SOLDIER'S REQUEST FOR NON-CHARGEABLE  
MARRIAGE LEAVE.

5. THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY WILL ISSUE ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE CLARIFYING THE POLICY FOR NON-CHARGEABLE MARRIAGE LEAVE IN THE COMING WEEKS.

6. CHIEF, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD AND DIRECTOR ARMY NATIONAL GUARD MAY ISSUE ADDITIONAL CALRIFYING GUAIDANCE AS NECESSARY. ALL GUIDANCE MUST BE COORDINATED WITH ARMY G-1, PLANS AND RESOURCES.

7. THE ARMY STAFF POINTS OF CONTACT ARE MR. LARRY LOCK, DSN 222- OR COMMERCIAL (703) 692-, EMAIL LARRY.LOCK.CIV@MAIL.MIL, MR. DALTON ALLEYNE, DSN 222-7954 OR COMMERCIAL (703) 692-7954, EMAIL IS DALTON.R.ALLEYNE.CIV@MAIL.MIL

8. EXPIRATION DATE CANNOT BE DETERMINED.