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MEMORANDUM FOR Army National Guard (ARNG) Recruiting and Retention Force (RRF)

SUBJECT: SMOM 20-025, Special Forces (SF) for Non-Prior Service (NPS)

1. References.

a. Army Regulation (AR) 614-200, Enlisted Assignments and Utilization Management, 25 January 2019.

b. Army Regulation (AR) 601-210, Regular Army and Reserve Components Enlistment Program, 31 August 206.

2. Purpose. To establish guidance regarding enlistment of SF NPS candidates/applicants and announce transition term from the 11B1P (Rep63) to 18X pipeline.

3. This policy establishes the 18X enlistment pipeline. Further, it establishes age requirements for 18X enlistment. Bridging the gap between current guidance and release of pending regulatory guidance.

4. Initial Accessions Program: Maximum age for initial accession of ARNG SF NPS candidates/applicants is not to exceed the 35th birthday (waiverable).

5. Definitions:

a. Rep63, Legacy term used to refer to a SF NPS 11B1P enlistment path.

b. 18X, a SF NPS applicant formally processed as an 11B1P.

6. This message remains valid until 30 September 2020 or with until updated guidance or policy is published by this office.

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