

Texas National Guard

PDMRA

Benefit Overview

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Post Deployment Mobilization Respite Absence Program (PDMRA)

Background:

➤ In January 2007, the Department of Defense (DoD) released the Post Deployment Mobilization Respite Absence Program (PDMRA) policy, a category of leave similar to administrative leave. It is a DOD program intended to compensate Soldiers when they're required to mobilize or deploy with a frequency beyond established rotation policy goals.

➤ Implementation guidelines were not issued until August 2007, a six month gap in which Soldiers were accumulating PDMRA but were unable to receive the entitlement.

➤ This "Gap" includes Texas National Guard Soldiers on active duty during the 2007 troop surge engaging in the longest deployment by any U.S. military unit in the entire Iraq War –service that entitled them to this benefit.

➤ In the last three years, PDMRA has been dispersed unequally between active duty Soldiers and guard Soldiers who are released from active duty to lead their civilian lives. On March 03, 2010, a Texas National Guard PDMRA team was assembled in order to certify our list of past and present Texas National Guard Soldiers who are owed PDMRA payments. **Legislative Timeline:**

➤ Legislation was introduced to resolve the issue in 2008, but not in time to be included in the FY 2009 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).

➤ In October 2009, legislation was passed as part of FY 2010 National Defense Authorization Act and the DoD was given a full year to implement guidelines for dispersing this benefit by October 2010.

➤ On February 17, 2010, the Texas National Guard received Army policy guidance on the Post Deployment & Mobilization Respite Allowance (PDMRA). **Implementation Timeline:**

➤ The Texas National Guard is currently working with the Department of the Army and National Guard Bureau to promptly process PDMRA payments our Soldiers deserve.

➤ For more information on the on the Texas National Guard's PDMRA Payment Plan visit www.TexasNationalGuard.us and "click" on the PDMRA Special Feature.

➤ Texas National Guard Soldiers who have questions or wish to verify eligibility should contact our PDMRA team at PDMRA@tx.ngb.army.mil.